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Part Of UMaine Hockey Champs...

Agawam's Doug Janik Basking In The Glow Of A Division I National Title

by Dave Rollins Sports Editor

Agawam's Doug Janik added another laurel to his wreath of hockey accomplishments Saturday night as he helped lead the University of Maine hockey team to a Division I national title in a thrilling, 3-2 overtime win over the University of New Hampshire on national television. The game, played way out in Anaheim, California, was the fifth meeting between the two teams this season. They split the year's regular schedule two games apiece before the climactic Frozen Four title

Then the team took the red-eye home on Sunday night, landing in Chicago at midnight and finally arriving at the University in Orono in the wee hours of Monday morning. So it was no wonder that when we spoke to Janik on Monday afternoon, the 1998 Agawam High graduate's voice was weary but his spirits were high.

People in town may not realize how big a deal this thing was. Remember the Final Four between UConn and Duke last week? Believe it. In hockey circles and places where hockey is a religion, this Frozen Four title game was just as huge. And how many AHS graduates can say they played (and starred) for a national title team, let alone as a freshman and let alone in Division !?

"It was quite a thrill," the freshman defender said. "Coming here to Maine, where some of the top players in the country are, and being part of the national title is something I will never forget."

Janik, who is a top player in his own right (junior AAU hockey, the US national team, the Junior

DOUG JANIK

Pics of this area), assessed his play. Despite a roughing penalty in the overtime period against UNH, he thought it was a steady performance.

"My role is to make sure the other team doesn't

score," Janik, who had three goals and 17 assists

this season, noted.

Despite the prestige of the game, the Maine defender didn't treat it any differently, according to him. "No, it might have been big, but we weren't nervous. Our coaching staff saw to that.

They told us to remain focused and just play. We did, and things worked out."

It was a bit of redemption for the Black Bears, who lost 6-1, 4-1 in their final two match-ups against the Wildcats. It was also sweet for the UMaine hockey program, which, in the middle 1990's, had faced sanctions, scholarship reductions, and no tournament appearances for two tions, and no tournament appearances for two

years due to NCAA rules violations.

A Pre-Season Hunch

Janik admitted that when he strapped on the skates for pre-season drills, he had a hunch the team could be headed for something big. "There is a lot of confidence here. We have good chemistry. Everyone got along and communicated."

Not only were they good this year, Janik believes they'll have an excellent chance of defending their title next season. "We'll lose five top seniors, but we'll also have a lot of kids coming back plus some excellent recruits coming in."

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At April 5th Public Hearing...

Council Considers Proposal To Save Historic Buildings

by Kathy Cassanelli **News Editor**

Town Council heard from more than a dozen proponents of an ordinance designed to help preserve historic buildings at a public hearing on

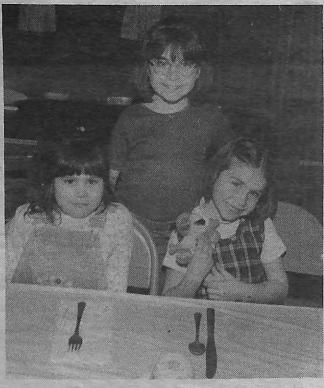
Modeled after a two year-old Easthampton by-law, the proposed demolition delay ordinance would enable the Historical Commission and the town's Office of Community Planning and Development to postpone the destruction of historically significant buildings for up to six months (while working with the owners to identify alternate uses for the structure). The proposed ordinance received the unanimous support of the Planning Baord last month.

Richard Bellico, a member of the Historical Commission, told the council the purpose of the ordinance is to encourage owners of historic buildings to search out developers willing to protect and preserve buildings rather than demolish them. The ordinance should be seen as an asset rather than a hindrance to development, Bellico

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Baked Chicken Supper At Ag. Congregational





ON SATURDAY, MARCH 27TH, Agawam Congregational held a baked chicken supper. IN LEFT PHOTO: Supper volunteers P.J. Owen and Virginia Markham. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Local youngsters Carolyn Dubois, Lisa Lemire, and Amy Lemire. (See related photo in "Church News.") Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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When asked why Eastern hockey is so powerful, the Agawam native saw it this way. "I think talented players from around the country want to go where the competition is the toughest. It is, for sure, in New England (where Hockey East thrives)"

thrives)."

Besides the thrill of the tournament, Janik had another reason to be pleased with how things turned out. "Yeah, my family (Mom, Ellen; Dad, Doug; younger sister, Amanda; and older sister, Carrie) went to Anaheim with me. They were excited and I can always use their support."

Ellen Janik was indeed happy. "It was a wonderful weekend for all of us with good memories. I can't wait to see the tape of the game," she smiled.

The lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer will soon be upon us. Janik has plans. "In August, I'll be heading out to Lake Placid to join the United States National Team. We'll practice there, then play a very good schedule around the country." Janik says he's looking forward to that.

There is one consideration he'll have to face very soon. The National Hockey League draft comes up in June. There's a good chance some

comes up in June. There's a good chance some club will snap him up. "I'm really not going to think about that right now. I just want to enjoy this moment for a while," he smiled as he headed out for a big rally at UMaine's Alfond Arena that saw thousands turn out in a 90-minute ceremony to honor their champions.

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AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL AGAWAM, MA

THE AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON APRIL 20, 1999 AT 7:30 p.m. AT THE AGAWAM MIDDLE SCHOOL, 68 MAIN STREET, AGAWAM, MA ON THE APPLICATION OF LUCIA LUMBER CO. FOR A LICENSE TO KEEP, STORE FOR PERSONAL USE/OR RESALE
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RICHARD M. THEROUX TOWN CLERK

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DEMOLITION DELAY - from Page 1...

"The ordinance contains a definition of historic structures that will never be open to interpretation and describes a straightforward process with lit-tle room for interpretation," Bellico said.

Displaying the photographs of several historic homes in town that have been adapted for reuse by businesses, Historical Commission Chairman David Cecchi said that while the town has already lost much of its historic architecture, "There is no need to lose more.'

Included in the examples of historic buildings retrofitted for use as a business were the Austin-Hamblen house, converted to a periodontal office by Dr. Vassos; the Robert Cooper House (Country Squire); the Charles Wright House (Feeding Hills Dunkin' Donuts); the Halladay Library at Feeding Hills Center (Landry, Lyons and Whyte); and the Dr. Judson Hastings House (commercial office space)

For Feeding Hills resident Anne Marie Bellico, preserving historic buildings is a way of preserving the town's identity. "We're losing our sense of place in the name of progress," Mrs. Bellico said. "It's time to stand still and redefine progress."

Unable to attend the public hearing, Planning Director Deborah S. Dachos sent a memo to be read into the council's record. Ms. Dachos wrote, "The proposal has been altered to address a number of comments raised by the Planning Board during their earlier public hearing. The amended version is clear, concise, and fair. It proposes a reasonable timetable during which the Historical Commission, in cooperation with other Town entities, may identify alternatives to the demolition of valuable historic structures."

Forming Partnerships With Property Owners...

Ms. Dachos said the ordinance would enable the town to become proactive in forming partnerships with property owners to prevent the loss of the town's historic resources. "Many New England communities have been successful in retrofitting historic structures so that they become functioning commercial inventory. Not only do such unions work, but their character and charm make them more competitive than their neighbors who demolish instead of retain," Ms. Dachos said.

No one spoke in opposition to the ordinance which was drafted by the Historical Commission in conjunction with the town's Office of Planning and Community Development at Monday night's hearing. But at a prior Town Council meeting, town resident Marjorie Greenough, who could not be present at the public bearing, voiced her Onbe present at the public hearing, voiced her op-position to the plan. The owner of a property listed in the Agawam Inventory of Historic Structures, Mrs. Greenough questioned the right of the town to interfere with individual property owners'

rights.

Under the terms of the ordinance, the building inspector would be required to notify the inspector would be required to notify the appropriation upon receipt of an application for the demolition of a significant building. Within five days, the office of Planning and Community Development would determine if the building is listed in the Agawam Inventory of Historic Structures or the National Register of Historic Places.

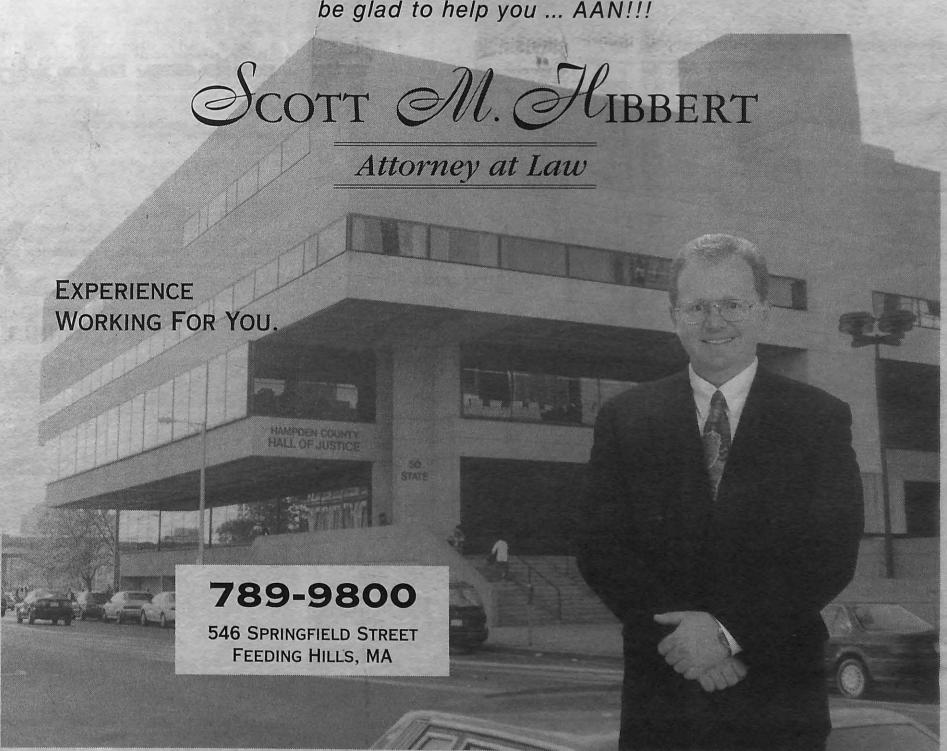
If the building is listed as a historic structure, the Historical Commission will then have 30 days to hold a public hearing to determine whether or not the demolition of the building would be detrimental to the historical or architectural heritage or resources of the town.

The demolition of buildings determined to be historically significant could be delayed for six months unless the commission is satisfied that there is no reasonable likelihood of finding someone willing to purchase and preserve the property, or the commission is convinced the owner has made a good faith effort to find a buyer willing to preserve the building without success. During the six-month period, the commission and other appropriate town departments would be required to make every effort to assist the property owner in attempting to preserve, restore, or rehabilitate the building.

The proposed ordinance, which was sent to the council's ordinance sub-committee for review, is also being reviewed by the consultant hired to assist the Zoning Advisory Task Force. Town Councilor Gina Letellier, who chairs the task force, said the council should receive the recommendations of the consultant before the first

council meeting in May.

For copies of his photos in this edition, please call Jack Devine at 789-0053; Jack has all the negatives and will



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Letters To The Editor

Let's Support Our Vets At April 11th Pancake Breakfast

To The Editor: **Attention All Veterans:**

This one's for you! On Sunday, April 11th, the Agawam Chapter of UNICO National will be putting on a pancake breakfast for your benefit. All of the proceeds from this event will be donated to benefit the Agawam Veterans' Memorial that is going to be erected on the green in the center of Agawam.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this most worthwhile event that will benefit all branches of the service and the veterans that were involved with the same. This Honor Roll will list all of the veterans' names whose home of record was Agawam when they entered the military from the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Civil War, the Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and the War in Vietnam.

Please attend this most worthwhile event that will eventually benefit you in the log run. This also

plans to be a fun event.

There will be music provided by Richard Mitnick of the Sounds of Music, along with the Senior Melody Chorus from the Agawam Senior Center. There will be posters of many of the branches of the service and possibly some servicemen in uniform.

There will be many memories recanted during this pancake breakfast. Come on down, tell us your stories, have a great time, enjoy some good food, and help out a great cause — YOURS, THE VETERANS OF AGAWAM.

We hope all veterans along with all the other residents of Agawam will attend this breakfast on Sunday, April 11th. See you there!

Ronald E. Lalancette Co-Chairman Pancake Breakfast Committee

Cub Scout Pack No. 78 Says Thanks To Local Businesses

To The Editor:

Cub Scout Pack No. 78 of Feeding Hills Congregational Church held their Annual Blue and

Gold Banquet on March 21st.

One of the boys' favorite parts of the banquet is the fundraising raffle. We would like to thank the following businesses for their donations to the

raffle:
Applebees, Christo's, Forest Park Zoo, Oak Ridge Golf Club, Take Five, Dave's Soda & Pet Food, Games & Lanes, Geissler's, E.B's, Olive Oils, Fran's, Parthenon's, Marlo's Pizzeria, Bob's Stores, Old Country Buffet, Alexander's, The Summer House, Maria's Pizza, Agawam Bowl, Kinney's One-Hour Photo, The Cutting Edge Salon, Chuck's Steak House, Agawam Cinemas, Country Flowers & Gifts, Agawam Country Club, Springfield Falcons Hockey, St. Anne Country Club, Roma Restaurant, Mrs. Murphy's Donut Shop, Disc One, The Garden Emporium, Wilderness Experiences, Surprise! Card & Gift Shop, Hometown Candle, and Konica. Shop, Hometown Candle, and Konica.

we are now able to upgrade our Pinewood Derby Computer Program.

Thank you, Donna O'Connor Cubmaster, Pack No. 78 **Feeding Hills**

Medical West Appreciates Help From Police & Fire Depts.

To The Editor:

We the physicians and staff of Medical West of Agawam would like to express our THANKS to the Agawam Police and Fire Departments.
Their rapid response to our recent rash of 911

calls has demonstrated how efficient and professional their departments function. We, as health care workers who are often caught up in emergency situations, forget to take a moment to show our appreciation.

Thanks for a job well done.

Sincerely, The Physicians & Staff of Medical West 230 Main Street, Agawam

Agawam Resident Relates Her Agawam Resident Supports A "Field Of Nightmares"

To The Editor:

Seven years ago, my son enjoyed his first Little League experience of Tee-Ball with the Agawam Little League Association. The picture of his smiling face from that season still sits on my desk to the latest the season still sits on my desk to the latest the season still sits on my desk to the latest the season still sits on my desk to the latest the season still sits on my desk to the latest the latest the season still sits on my desk to the latest the lates day. Unfortunately, there will be no picture this

It has been difficult explaining to my son why his mother forgot to register him for this year's season. The pressures of raising two children, while working two jobs, is no simple task in any

Regrettably, I am doing so as a single parent with limited resources, making such things as missed registrations more common that I would like to admit. What has been harder to understand, and far more difficult to explain to my son, is why no one has been willing to offer a solution or

My son will be 13 years-old this year, so at this stage, he enters into a new baseball league. Hop-ing that the coach would understand my error in registration, I decided to bring my son to the registration, I decided to bring my son to the tryouts in an effort to straighten out the situation. This clearly was nothing the coach was willing to entertain; he simply said, "It's too late," and would not let my son participate in the tryout. During the ride home, I tried to console my son with the fact that I could still talk to the person in charge of that league. This turned out to be another empty promise that I made to my son. The gentleman felt that the addition of one more player in a field that consists of 70 children would be a significant detriment to the other

would be a significant detriment to the other players. It struck me curious that the 12 and 13 year-olds were being talked about as if they were

Throughout my son's life, I have never had any difficulty in explaining life's mishaps, such as forgetting things from time to time, that happen to us all. It is heartbreaking for me to see him reconcile the fact that he will just be a spectator for this year's baseball season. He will have no chance to take his first at-bat, or even put his uniform on just

With every season and every sport, he has learned that winning and losing is not important, but playing his best and enjoying the game is. Only now, in part because of his mother's forgetfulness and a league's unwillingness to embrace the spirit of game itself, he will lose out on the two sweetest words a boy his age hears in the spr-ingtime when the nights get longer and warmer: PLAY BALL!

Linda Gamelli Agawam

UNICO Pancake Breakfast To Benefit Vets' Memorial

On Sunday, April 11th, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon at the Polish Club pavilion, UNICO National of Agawam will be doing another charitable service, this time for the Agawam Veterans' Memorial. In the future, I'm sure other organizations in town will do likewise for this just cause.

This Sunday, the whole town should come and support this cause. All the proceeds will go to the Veterans' Memorial, which is overdue for all Agawam residents from the Civil War era to today who have gone to support their country, especially those who did not return!

Terry Letellier

Note: Ladies, this will be another "no cooking day" by UNICO!

Charter Review Commission

To The Editor:

I am in favor of a Charter Review Commission. Our town "city" administration manages huge amounts of tax revenues and grants that rival many large cities.

Yet, Agawam operates with a charter that, in essence, is one of a Town Manager structure. The charter in some instances is absent of checks and

The wrong people in the right positions could easily mismanage our tax dollars or make decisions "in a vacuum" that are not in the best interest of our community.

Furthermore, no town official should ever feel forced into making a decision a certain way because it is the politically expedient thing to do.

I am of the opinion that if our present charter had the proper checks and balances, then all town officials would try to empathize all opinions on a situation in which decisions are made that affect people's lives.

The Agawam Town Charter is at least in need of a review to highlight for the public these inadequacies and others in our present charter.

Mike DelNegro

Agenda For Next Regular School **Committee Meeting**

Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street Tuesday, April 13th, 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order.
 Moment of Silence.

3. Citizens' Speak Time. Roll Call of Attendance.

5. FY 2000 Budget Review (7:00 p.m.). 6. Public Hearing FY 2000 Budget (8:15 p.m.). Superintendent's Notes.

8. Highlight on Education.

9. Old Business: SCR-99-19 Adoption of Grade 11 & 12 Science Textbook.

Business Meeting:

a. Routine Matters 1) Approval of Minutes. 2) Calendar/Correspondence.

b. Warrants/Transfers.

c. Reports. 11. New Business.

12. Policy Review

First Reading: Agawam Public Schools' Policy

13. Any other action which may legally come before the Committee.

Adjournment.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles. press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you ... AAN!!!



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"A Piece Of The News"

by Kathy Cassanelli News Editor

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson reports good news and bad news on the long-awaited proposal for a new Department of Public Works garage.

The good news is that the appraisals on the Tennis Road property under consideration for the new facility have finally been received at Town Hall. The bad news is that the appraisals contain many errors and incorrect references, forcing the Mayor to return them to the appraiser for correc-

After reviewing the appraisals, Johnson, Assessor Chet Nicora, and Department of Public Works Superintendent John Stone have determined it would be in the town's best interest to obtain a second set of appraisals from another ap-

Because the property in question is large and is comprised of parcels zoned Business B, Residence A-3, and Agricultural, Johnson said, "We frankly do not feel comfortable that the first set of appraisals accurately reflects its true full and fair market value.

Johnson said a second set of appraisals may confirm the property values reflected in the first set, but a second appraisal is warranted given the size of the public investment to acquire the property and build a modern DPW facility.

"This will likely mean that the proposal will be submitted to the Council in late April," Johnson

Appointed by Town Council President Donald M. Rheault to review the annual salaries paid to the town's elected officials, the Salary Review Committee is recommending a pay hike for the positions of Mayor, for the Town Councilors, and for the School Committee members.

Committee Chairwoman (Councilor) Jill Simp-

son said the committee was unanimously recommending that the salary for the position of Mayor be increased from the present \$60,000 to \$65,000, and that the School Committee member salary should be increased to \$3.500. Currently, School Committee members earn \$1,750 per year, with the exception of the Mayor, who receives no salary for serving as the School Committee chair-

The committee was also unanimous in its recommendation to boost the salary paid to town councilors to \$6,000 per year, with an additional stipend of \$500 for the council president. Councilors presently earn \$3,500 per year, and the council president earns \$4,000.

Mrs. Simpson said the committee arrived at its recommendations after reviewing information

provided by the Massachusetts Municipal Association regarding the levels of municipal salaries across the state, as well as the methodology other communities use to determine the level of compensation for elected officials.

'After much discussion, we came to the conclusion that it would be hard to compare Agawam to other communities because there did not appear to be any rhyme or reason on how other communities pay their officials," Mrs. Simpson said. "Some communities with higher populations paid less than communities with lower populations, and some communities with lower populations. paid more than communities with higher populations. Some communities use an average of the department heads' salaries and give a raise based on a percentage of the department heads' raises.'

Mrs. Simpson said the committee formulated its recommendations based on what the members believe to be the best interests of Agawam. Committee members are Councilors Nancy Thompson and John Negrucci.

The committee is expected to have a draft salary ordinance ready to appear as new business on the council's next agenda for consideration by the full council at its May 3rd meeting.

Rheault said the committee had been formed and appointed because the council is bound by the charter to review the salaries of elected of-

If the council goes along with the committee's recommendations and approves the raises, the changes in the pay scale will not affect the current office holders. Any salary increases would apply to the Mayor, Town Council, and School Committee elected in November 1999 to terms beginning in January 2000.

By official (a unanimous) action of Town Council, April has been declared Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry Month by means of a resolution sponsored by Councilor Gina Letellier.

Ms. Letellier, who also serves on the executive board of the Agawam-West Springfield Open Pantry, said the group provides emergency food and clothing as well as social services, holiday food baskets, and children's holiday gifts to the neediest residents of town.

After several town councilors spoke of sponsoring a benefit for the Open Pantry, Ms. Letellier promised to broach the idea at the next Open Pan-

"We take help from anyone we can get," Ms. Letellier said. "Around Thanksgiving and Christmas, people give us a lot. but after the

holidays, the donations dwindle even though the needs still remain."

Ms. Letellier said the Agawam-West Springfield Open Pantry is an "excellent service organization doing a wonderful job on a limited budget with a lot of help from volunteers and from the public schools in Agawam and West Springfield."

There will be a fundraiser on Saturday evening, April 10th, at the Mittineague Congregational Church in West Springfield to benefit the Open Pantry. "The Follies" promises a lively evening of song and dance.

George Schlagel of 490 North Street, Feeding Hills, and Jessie Fuller of 61 Peros Drive, Agawam, were reappointed to the Vetrans' Council for the cil for two-year terms expiring on April 1, 2001.

Town Council approved the transfer of \$20,500 from the reserve account to the Fire Department Motor Vehicle account for the purchase of a new 1997 Crown Victoria to replace a 1984 model that is beyond repair and must be replaced. The 1984 Ford is used by the mechanic, the drill inspector, other department personnel, and by EMT paramedics who are not assigned to the ambulance to get to the scene of life-threatening

In a memo to the council, Fire Chief David Pisano notes that the department will receive \$1,700 in safety equipment at no charge if action

is taken quickly.
In making the case for a new vehicle, Pisano cites a memo from Fire Department mechanic Bill Pelley describing the condition of the 1984 car with over 120,000 miles on the odometer. All four fenders are heavily rusted, along with the roof, the bumpers, and the floor boards. The rebuilt engine is shot; the rebuilt transmission is grinding; even the junk yards don't have parts for the car; and it won't pass inspection.

With no discussion, the council unanimously agreed to replace the car.

The reserve account was also the source for a \$2,000 transfer of funds to the police animal con-

trol services account. Acting Chief (Lt.) William Sliech notes the reason for the transfer is a sharp increase in the number of stray dogs confined by the animal control officer as compared to last year. So far, there have been 21 dogs confined this fiscal year as compared to eight dogs last year.

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Keenan Urges **Commonwealth To Take Inventory**

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan has called on the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to conduct an investigation into the assets and

liabilities of an abolished county.

The assets of Hampden County became assets of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on July 31, 1998, the date county government was abolished. Almost a year later, the state has yet to assume the liabilities.

"I would simply like to know exactly how much the state is getting and what they own," state Rep. Keenan. "An inventory should have been done by now." done by now.

One liability left behind for the towns in the former county to repay is the unfunded pension liability, the largest of the county's liabilities. Prior to the abolishment of county government, every community in Hampden County was responsible and contributed to this cost through a county tax assessment. Since the abolishment, the state has continued to collect the county tax assessment.

In addition, the Commonwealth has imposed an extra assessment. The additional assessment, however, is only on the towns, school districts, and housing authorities that are members of the

Hampden County Retirement System.

"I would like to see the Commonwealth of Massachusetts accept their responsibility," Rep. Keenan said. "How can they expect to take all of the land, buildings, and revenues, and not take the liabilities, too?"

According to Keenan small communities in

According to Keenan, small communities in According to Keenan, small communities in Hampden County are financially hurting. A community such as Agawam has been assessed approximately \$500,000 more since county government was abolished. Agawam is not alone, though. Ludlow, Palmer, Hampden, East Longmeadow, and Southwick must all make adjustments in their budgets to cover this cost. "It just does not make sense," Rep. Keenan stated. "County government was abolished to reduce costs, not increase them."

The original legislation which abolished Hamp-den County government created a task force and appropriated \$1 million to conduct an audit and report the inventory of the assets and liabilities. More recent legislation amended this provision and directed the Executive Office of Administraition and Finance to conduct an independent valuation in the abolished counties.

Currently, county government to five counties have been abolished; Middlesex, Franklin, Hampden, Worcester, and Hampshire. County government ment in two more counties is slated to be abolished; Essex on July 1, 1999, and Berkshire on July 1, 2000. Franklin County has reorganized as the Franklin Regional Council of Governments.

From Agawam Democratic Town Committee

Scholarship **Applications At Town Clerk's Office**

Agawam Democratic Town Committee scholarship applications are available to town residents in the Town Clerk's office at Town Hall.

The scholarship is open to students currently enrolled in college who will be returning to school in the fall; high school seniors (from AHS or other area high schools) who will be attending college in the fall as freshmen; students who are enrolling in college after earning a G.E.D.; and non-traditional students who are returning to school some years after graduating from high school.

The application deadline is April 15th.

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According to Animal Control Officer Robert F. Burke, "The budget for dog confinement has been nearly depleted for the fiscal year and at the present rate of \$475 per month with five months remaining, I will need a transfer of \$2,000 to get me through to the next fiscal year."

The fiscal year ends on June 30th.

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For all the hometown news, you turn our pages each and every week...

Rejects Bitzas' Bid Once Again...

Town Council Votes No Dice On Second Casino Gambling Resolution

by Kathy Cassanelli News Editor

Sparks flew at Monday night's Town Council meeting as several councilors took umbrage at

the public criticism of their stand on legalizing casino gambling by a fellow councilor.

For the second time in five weeks, the council rejected a bid by Councilor George Bitzas to gain support for a resolution expressing the council's opposition to the legalization of casino gambling in the Commonwealth.

As they had a month ago, several councilors said they were opposed to casino gambling in Agawam, but did not feel it was within the council's authority to oppose gambling in other com-munities, particularly those communities where the voters have indicated their desire by referendum to host a casino.

Council Vice President Robert Magovern said, "We have no place in dictating to the rest of the state. If there is a resolution opposing casino gambling in Agawam, I would vote for it

Referring to the overwhelming defeat (3-1) of a 1994 referendum on casino gambling at Riverside Park, Councilor Gina Letellier said the townspeople have never expressed their opinion on the legalization of casino gambling. Rather, the vote was on the narrow question of whether a casino should be allowed at Riverside Park.

"Agawam has expressed a strong opinion on casino gambling at Riverside, but to ask us to extrapolate how the town feels on the issue of

gambling in the state is not possible. To bring this up a second time is insulting," Ms. Letellier said.

On March 1st, the council rejected Bitzas' original resolution opposing casino gambling in a 7-1 vote. On Monday night, the gap had narrowed to 6-4 as Bitzas picked up support from Councilors Nancy Thompson and Jill Simpson, who had been absent when the first vote was taken, and from Councilor Dennis Perry, who changed

But, the victory was not without cost. Several councilors, including Perry, expressed their resentment at Bitzas' conduct in publicly criticizing councilors for their March 1st votes and singling out council President Donald M. Rheault

for criticism in the newspapers.

Not The Way To Win Support

Perry warned that criticizing fellow councilors

in public for their votes was not the way to win support in the future. "I have never criticized your vote in the media. We are supposed to be a team, working for a common cause and to publicly criticize our votes in a number of news articles is wrong. If you want our support in the future, I suggest we work together and that you call us to get our input.'

Councilor Gary Geiger said the atmosphere of the meeting brought to mind the bickering that made some previous councils seem like Monday night at the fights. "I don't want any part of that," Geiger said.

Geiger said the news articles "left a very poor taste. I thought we had a good council and could talk to each other.

Bitzas said he had not intended to offend any councilor, but that he had spoken the truth.

In a letter sent to the council and later published in The Agawam Advertiser News, Bitzas wrote, "In spite of your speeches against casino gambling, when the time came to vote and take an official stand, you failed to do so. You are now on record officially as supporting the legalization of casino gambling in Massachusetts."

Bitzas urged the council to "stand tall and fully support this resolution" because there have been news reports of a shift in favor of legalizing gambling on Beacon Hill; two bills have been filed to legalize gambling in Massachusetts; procasino lobbyists are working hard to change minds in the State House, and strong voices of op-position should be sent to the Government Regulations Committee's hearings on casino gambling which began last month, according to

Rheault vowed to introduce a third resolution on casino gambling at the next council meeting to give the councilors the opportunity to "stand tall and support what the people want."
Rheault said his resolution would stay within

the confines of the 1994 vote against casino

gambling in Agawam.

"I don't believe it is our responsibility to tell other towns how they should run their own business," Rheault said. "We will take a position and support exactly what the voters said 3-1—they don't want gambling in Agawam."

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April 3rd Proclaimed 'Anne E. St. John Day' In Massachusetts

Governor Paul Cellucci proclaimed April 3, 1999 as "Anne E. (Nan) St. John Day" in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to mark the 90th birthday of the lifelong artist and long-time Feeding Hills resident.

Hills resident.

The Governor highlighted Nan's accomplishments as Agawam's first silver-haired legislator, an active member of her community and church, and her significant accomplishments as an artist in proclaiming April 3rd a special day of celebration.

Born in Vigevano, Italy in 1909, Nan has been creating oil, water color, and pastel artworks since for more than 70 years. During World War II, she worked in the tool crib of Perkins Machine Gear Company, formerly located off Memorial Avenue in West Springfield.

It was there she met her husband, George A. St. John, a Feeding Hills resident living his entire life, until his death at 89 in 1992. Nan still resides at the 555 Mill Street family farm in Feeding Hills.

The Commonwealth Of Massachusetts A Proclomation By His Excellency GOVERNOR ARGEO PAUL CELLUCCI 1999

WHEREAS: Anne E. "Nan" St. John, an Italianborn citizen of the United States and the Commonwealth, has been a community and civil leader and widely-recognized artist in Agawam, Massachusetts for more than half-a-century; and WHEREAS: One needs to look no further than Nan's long-running membership in the Feeding Hills Women's Club, which led to her tenure as its President, as testament to her unparalleled community leadership skills; and

munity leadership skills; and
WHEREAS: Nan has also lent her considerable
skills to such causes as Agawam's Centennial
Committee in 1955, the establishment of the
Sacred Heart Parish and Church, and the local
Boy Scout and 4-H organizations; and

Boy Scout and 4-H organizations; and WHEREAS: In 1980, Nan was elected as the delegate from Agawam in the first Massachusetts Silver-Haired Legislature; and

WHEREAS: A long-time artist, whose work adorns



ANNE E. (NAN) ST. JOHN is pictured above at an arts demonstration given at the Eastfield Mall in Springfield in the late 1970's.

public buildings and private residences throughout the Commonwealth and Connecticut, Nan has won numerous awards for her prolific oil and water-color paintings which depict the New England countryside of Western Massachusetts; and

whereas: Nan and her husband, George, operated the Red Apple Orchard and Farm in the Feeding Hills section of Agawam which was a well-known local landmark for several decades;

whereas: It is appropriate for all Massachusetts citizens to extend best wishes to Nan as she reaches the milestone of her 90th Birthday; NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARGEO PAUL CELLUCCI, Governor of the Commonwealth of

Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim April 3rd, 1999, to be

A DAY OF CELEBRATION
FOR THE 90th BIRTHDAY OF ANNE E. ST. JOHN
and urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to
take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this twenty-ninth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and twenty-third.

By His Excellency the Governor ARGEO PAUL CELLUCCI





RUTH MCCULLY (far left), OSHA Regional Administrator, with Joe Brazeale (Black & Veatch Project Field Manager) and Berkshire Power General Manager Frank Basile. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

U.S. Dept. of Labor Recognizes Local Union Labor & Black & Veatch Const..

Berkshire Power Construction Site Earns OSHA Safety Award

by Kathy Cassanelli News Editor

Teamwork paid off in a big way for local trade union members and for the construction management at the Berkshire Power construction site on Moylan Lane. Working together under stringent safety and health standards at the power plant construction site, union craftspeople and Black & Veatch Construction created a workplace free of lost time accidents and earned the highest honor given by the U.S. Department of Labor for their efforts

Berkshire Power General Manager Frank Basile said, "This award is the product of the incredibly efficient construction management of Black & Veatch and is a testimony to the quality of craftsmanship of local organized labor." At an awards luncheon presentation and OSHA

At an awards function presentation and OSHA flag-raising ceremony held on-site last week, the union craftspeople building the Berkshire Power plant and Black & Veatch Construction of Kansas City, Missouri, received the OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) Voluntary Protection Program Short-Term Construction Demonstration Award.

It was the first time a short-term (under two

It was the first time a short-term (under two years) construction project has received the honor recognizing the "outstanding quality of the safety and health programs implemented on the site."

From the onset of construction, Basile said he recognized that the project had the best craft-speople in the country, exhibiting an impressive



BERKSHIRE POWER GENERAL MANAGER Frank Basile (far left) with representatives from Black & Veatch Construction of Kansas City, Missouri: Mark Greene (Safety Manager), Paul Weida (Safety and Health Manager), Joe Brazeale (Project Field Manager), and Jon Briggs (Construction Manager). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AT THE OSHA AWARD PRESENTATION (from left to right): Kevin P. Joyce (President, Berkshire Power), Michael J. Armitage (CEO, Berkshire Power), Frank Basile (General Manager, Berkshire Power), James Templin (Vice-President, Black & Veatch Construction), Randy Wu (Senior Vice-President, El Paso Energy), and Dick Sumner (Director of Environmental Health and Safety, El Paso Energy). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

quality of workmanship and team work. "As you've executed this elite safety program, OSHA now recognizes that, too," Basile said.

Speaking to the more than 600 union members, project managers, and local and state elected officials gathered under a tent erected for the luncheon ceremony, federal officials praised the safety and health culture at the construction site as a role model, setting the standard for the rest of the construction industry to follow.

But, two men in hard hats said it best. Both

But, two men in hard hats said it best. Both wore the gold hard hats designating them as safety team leaders as they accepted the citations honoring their trade unions.

Safest Job In 29 Years

Laborer Ron Santinello got right to the point: "This is the safest job I've worked on in 29 years (with the construction laborers' union). This award is for everybody who worked on the project. It shows that management and labor can work together for a safe project."

Representing the carpenters, Steve McCarthy said, "In 10 years, I have never worked on a job where all the trades worked so safely together. I'm proud to have worked on this project."

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OSHA AWARD - from Page 8...

The OSHA award honors the voluntary safety and health performance programs developed and instituted by Black & Veatch through negotiations with the trade unions and implemented by the more than 300 local union craftspeople working on the job site.

President of the Pioneer Valley Building Trades Association Douglas Bodman said the unions agreed to the nontraditional working conditions contained in management's safety plan for the

good of their members.

"The safety of our workers is our paramount concern," Bodman said. "When management brought us the safety plan, we received it with an arroad and agreed to postraditional working. open mind and agreed to nontraditional working conditions when many unions would not have. We hope other contractors will take a page out of this book to protect more workers.'

Bodman said the record of no lost time injuries achieved by the union members (in 421,000 man hours on the Berkshire Power site) is especially impressive in light of the fact that the construction industry is the most hazardous, accounting for 18 percent of workplace fatalities while representing only six percent of the workforce.

Christopher J. Warren, who was the lead inspector for OSHA during a November tour of the project site, said the award was the highest honor OSHA can give.

Role Models

"It takes a special group to invite OSHA into the workplace," Warren said. "You've become role models by setting such high standards."

OSHA Regional Administrator Ruth McCully told the construction workers and the project

managers they had become leaders in occupational safety and health and that OSHA hoped to learn how other companies could ensure the safety and health of workers on multiple construction sites by following their example.

"The joint labor/management commitment was the key to creating a safety and health culture," Ms. McCully said. "You have gone beyond OSHA requirements to become partners with OSHA and a model for your industry to emulate.'

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AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL AGAWAM, MA

THE AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON APRIL 20, 1999 AT 7:30 p.m. AT THE AGAWAM MIDDLE SCHOOL, 68 MAIN STREET, AGAWAM, MA. ON THE APPLICATION OF CRESTVIEW COUNTRY CLUB FOR A LICENSE TO KEEP, STORE FOR PERSONAL USE/OR RESALE OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS IN UNDERGROUND TANKS OR ABOVE GROUND NOT TO EXCEED 1,000 GALLONS AT 275 SHOEMAKER LANE IN THE TOWN OF AGAWAM, MA.

Richard M. Theroux, Town Clark Published: April 8, 1999

All the hometown news with us, each and every week ... AAN!!!

Veterans' Corner... **UNICO Pancake Breakfast** To Be Held This Sunday

by Ruth C. Bitzas Veterans' Agent — 786-0400, Ext. 236/237

Members of UNICO are working hard to help raise funds for the Agawam Honor Roll to be erected on Veterans' Green. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THEIR NEXT SPECIAL

The UNICO pancake breakfast will be held this Sunday, April 11th, at the Polish American Club on Springfield Street from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. They plan to have military music, patriotic posters, and great pancakes!

As of this date, the Honor Roll Committee has raised \$24,527 for the project, but we still have a long way to go and we need your continued sup-

REVOLUTIONARY WAR AND SPANISH AMERICAN WAR VETERANS LIST:

Several years ago while researching Agawam's Civil War veterans at the Massachusetts Archives for our Casualty List Monument on Veterans' Green, we found three names of veterans who were from Agawam that served in the Spanish American War. They will be listed this week along with Agawam's Payolutionary War veterans

with Agawam's Revolutionary War veterans.

Our Committee researched all of the available burial records at the Springfield Historical Museum to come up with the following list of Revolutionary War veterans in Agawam. While it may not be possible to compile a totally accurate list, we have done our very best. All of these names will be included on the Honor Roll.

If you know of any others and have some documentation, please contact our office in Agawam Town Hall or call the aforementioned number.

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"There is no cheap or easy road to Liberty and Happiness, our veterans paid the price."

REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETERANS

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- ADVERTISER NEWS -

Melconian Supports Legislation Regarding **Adoption Proceedings**

Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) is pleased to announce that the Senate enacted on March 29th and the Governor signed into law on March 31st, a law that makes the best interest of the child the primary concern in adoption pro-

This goal is a fundamental shift from the previous emphasis on reuniting children with

their biological parents.

"Abused and abandoned children will no longer spend years being bounced around from foster home to foster home," said Melconian. "It is important that reasonable and prudent efforts be made to reunify families, but it is far more important that abilities are uniformal and programment." tant that children grow up in a safe, permanent home, cared for by loving parents, whether they are biological or adoptive."

The new law focuses on two areas crucial to promote the well-being of children in the social service system - improving the quality of foster care and assuring placement in permanent homes as quickly as possible. The Department of Social Services will now be required to conduct national criminal background checks on foster parents, investigate even misdemeanors on a foster parent's record, and create an "Individualized Health Plan" for all foster children to assure continuity and understanding of their health care needs.

The foster care process will be streamlined by requiring that "Permanency Hearings" to determine a child's status be held within one year. The current requirement is 18 months. The law also creates standards that describe when conditions are so bad a child does not have to return to a biological parent and requires mandatory and expedited efforts to terminate parental rights in abusive situations. These measures allow courts and DSS workers to move quickly and with certainty to protect children. It is particularly important that abused and neglected children are placed in a stable, protective environment immediately so they can begin to recover from abuse.

"Our goal as legislators is to see that no child falls through the cracks in the system," said Senator Melconian. "Children are a blessing. They should be united with parents who want to

love and care for them.

Passage of the law brings Massachusetts into compliance with the 1997 Federal Adoption and Safe Families Act, assuring that the state will not lose any part of its \$107 million in federal

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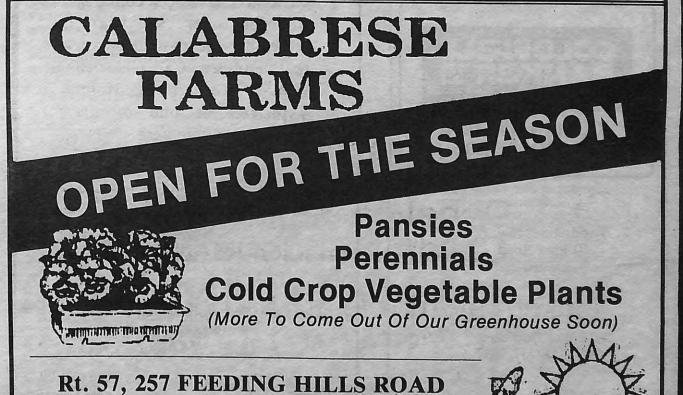
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Tap water and bathtub injuries have been a major cause of burn injuries for many years. While scald burns can happen to anyone, young children and the elderly comprise most of the 2,600 injuries annually received by hot water from home faucets.

These burns can cause severe injury, scarring and disfigurement, and even death. The Agawam Fire Department wants the public to know how to

prevent such burns.

The major cause of scalds in homes is a water heater set too high (140° - 150° F). Most adults will suffer a serious, third-degree burn if exposed to 150° F water for only TWO SECONDS. The sensitive skin of children burns much easier.

To test the hot water in your home, use a candy or meat thermometer at each faucet. If the water is over 120° F, turn down your hot water heater. Besides avoiding scalds, this will also save energy and money.

If you have an electric water heater, ask the electric company if it will lower the temperature for you. If you are in an apartment, ask the maintenance department to help.

If you adjust it yourself, turn off the current by

Ohituaries —

Dorothy F. Normand

Dorothy F. (Gordon) Normand, 82, of 27 Campbell Drive, Agawam, died recently at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

She was a machine operator at the Springfield Armory and the former Buxton Leather Co.

Born in Springfield, she graduated from the former Technical High School.

She lived in Agawam most of her life and was a communicant of St. John' Church.
Her husband, Robert A. Normand, died in 1982, and her son, Robert A. Jr., on March 5th.

She leaves three granddaughters, Doreen Brown of East Longmeadow, Donna Mason of Leominster, and Kathleen Kazalis of Springfield; and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held in the church, with burial in St. Michael's Comptons, Springfield, Hafay Spring

in St. Michael's Cemetery, Springfield. Hafey Springfield Chapels was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to any

charity.

John T. Glogowski

John T. Glogowski, 77, of 63 Elbert Road, Agawam, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was an inspector at Associated Engineers in

Agawam for many years.

Born in Chicopee, he was a graduate of Chicopee High School and lived in Agawam for over 25 years.

A highly decorated World War II Army veteran,

he served in the Battle at Normandy and was wounded in the Allied invasion.

He had been a former member of the VFW

William F. Davitt Post 625 in Chicopee.

He was also an avid golfer and played courses all over New England, Florida, and Europe.

He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

His wife, the former Josephine Squeglia of Agawam, died November 12, 1991. He was also predeceased by a brother, Max M. Glogowski, who

died June 20, 1983.

He leaves another brother, Stanley M. Glogowski of Agawam; and several nieces and nephews, Mary Lavato of Falmouth, Maine, Richard Glogowski of Fawn Grove, Pennsylvania, Donald Glogowski of Williamstown, Massachusetts, Daniel Glogowski of Enfield, Connecticut, and James Glogowski of Stafford Springs, Connecticut necticut.

The funeral was held at the Agawam Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St.

Stanislaus Cemetery, Chicopee.

Donations may be made to the Visiting Nurse Association of Western Massachusetts, Box 9058, Springfield, Massachusetts 01102.

For photo coverage in The AAN, please call photographer Jack Devine at 789-0053; however, please give him at least 48 hours notice. Thank you!

switching off the circuit breaker or removing the fuse. Electric heaters have two controls which need to be set.

Remove the upper and lower access panels, pull aside the insulation over the thermostats, and use a screwdriver to turn the dial of the controls.

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Replace the insulation and panels. Turn on the current. Don't use hot water for two hours. Check the temperature the next morning.

For furnaces using fuel oil, contact your supplier to lower the temperature. This will not affect the heating capacity of the furnace.

Even after lowering hot water temperatures, it would be wise to take these precautions:

• Check bathwater for children with your elbow.

The elbow is more sensitive to temperature

changes.

• Never leave a child alone in a bathtub or sink. Place small children in the tub facing away from the faucets and never encourage the bathtub as a play area.

· Teach children to turn on the cold water first

when using faucets.

• Install temperature regulators in showers, tubs, and faucets. Consult your plumber or hardware store for information.

. Know what to do for a scald burn. Cool the burn with water. Cover it with a clean cloth and seek medical attention. If the burn is serious, call the rescue squad at 911. Never put any ointments, greases, butter, or vaseline on burns. These can hold heat and make the burn worse.

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.



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Agawam UNICO Schedules Pancake Breafkast For Sun.

The Agawam Chapter of UNICO National has announced that its upcoming "Pancake Breakfast" will be taking place on Sunday, April 11th, at the Polish American Club on Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. All of the proceeds from this event will be donated to benefit the Agawam Veterans' Memorial to be erected on the green in the center of Agawam

Tickets are \$4 for adults, and children under eight are just \$2. Tickets are currently available from any UNICO member; either of this year's co-chairmen, Ron Lalancette at 786-1782 or Sal Morassi, Sr. at 786-0177; and they will also be available at the door.

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The coverlets sell for \$45 and the pillows are \$15, and they are available from any Lioness member or by calling 786-1782.

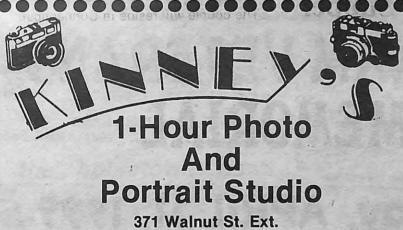
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Irish Eyes Are Smilin' At Heritage Hall...



AT HERITAGE HALL SOUTH BUILDING'S recently held St. Patrick's Day party, these Irish ladies truly enjoyed the festivities. From left to right: Elizabeth Corbett (from Belfast), Vera Conway (County Kerry), and Mary McGrath (County Claire). Advertiser News photo by Jack

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April Is "Open Pantry Month"

The West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry has announced that "April is Open Pantry Month." By declaration of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of West Springfield and the Agawam City Council, April will be Open Pantry Month.

The month began as March Match figures were

announced. Monetary donations made to the Pantry totaled over \$22,000. That figure includes an award of \$9,500 from The Big E West Springfield Trust, announced March 29th. The funds will be used for vinyl siding on the Pantry building at 1023 Main Street

"Thank you to Gerard Matthews and the Board of Selectmen, Donald Chase, and Wayne McCary for making these one-time funds available to us. We would never use the donations from individual townspeople for a cosmetic improvement of our building," said Candy Boucher, Executive Director of the West Springfield organization. "These funds allow us to be good neighbors, setting an

example to other property owners. Every improvement made by one of us is an improvement for all.
"Because this award was made in March," said Mrs. Boucher, "it will be included in the total for the Feinstein Of the Peinstein of Rhode Island has agreed to contribute over \$1 million to be shared by organizations raising money during his March Against Hunger campaign. Last year he issued a similar challenge to Rotary Clubs of America that netted 49 cents on every dollar raised. An extra \$1,200 was accessed for our organization because of the efforts of the Agawam and West Springfield Rotary Clubs.'

Mrs. Boucher made a special trip to the West Springfield Post Office on Tuesday, April 6th, which is the last day letters were to be mailed to the Feinstein Foundation. Her letter thanked Mr. Feinstein for the challenge to Pantry donors, and asked him for a share of the challenge funds to match contributions of \$22,049.39.

SUCCESSFUL EASTER EVENTS...

In other big news, almost 500 Easter baskets were made at the Pantry by over 30 volunteers. The baskets were distributed to children or their parents during Holy Week. All the baskets, Easter grass, toys, and candy were donated by townspeople.

The week ended with the annual Easter Egg Hunt in the Corson Park on Main Street on Saturday, April 3rd. Almost 150 children attended, gathering filled plastic eggs, hard-boiled eggs, and candy.

Again, everything used for the party was donated by townspeople in Agawam, Feeding

Hills, and West Springfield.

"Thank you to all the bunnies out there for bringing in their candy donations," said Mrs. Boucher. "Thank you to our faithful volunteers for filling eggs, especially John Baker of West Springfield who took eggs home to fill. Thanks to area churches and youth groups who collected chocolate humies, which were given to each

area churches and youth groups who collected chocolate bunnies, which were given to each child as they left the party. Thank you to the students at West Springfield High School who made us the special bunny cakes.

"While others were supplying our Easter needs, the Agawam High School Math Club and their Agawam Junior High School siblings collected over 3,000 food items for the pantry. What a wonderful community of caring people, young and old," stated Mrs. Boucher.

"Open Pantry Month" continues on April 10th with the annual Interfaith Follies, sponsored by the West Springfield Parish and Interfaith Association. Coordinators Ann Crosier and Pat Lyman have been busy planning the best Follies

Most of the 250 tickets to the dinner and talent show have been sold. It will be held at the Mittineague Congregational Church, hosted by Rev. Eugene Wratchford. The emcee for the night will be Dave Crosier. Executive Director Candy Boucher will make her Western Massachusetts singing debut that evening.

Townspeople are reminded that the Pantry, ser-

ving clients from West Springfield, Agawam, Feeding Hills, and Southwick, is presently looking for pasta, boxed meals, and macaroni and cheese items for the pantry, as well as spring or summer

clothing donations.

A special reminder to folks who bring items when the Pantry is closed — please deposit clothing in the bin at the Bridge/Main Street corner door. Food items should be brought between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., or by appointment by calling 734-7969.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you ... AAN!!!

West Side/Ag. Open

Pantry To Offer All Services In W. Spfld.

Effective immediately, the West Springfield/ Agawam Open Pantry will consolidate all services to Agawam, Feeding Hills, and Southwick clients in the West Springfield site.

The test site in the Feeding Hills Congrega-tional Church will be closed. Anyone needing food, clothing, and help with other issues should come to 1023 Main Street in West Springfield.

"Most of the 200 potential clients already are using the West Springfield address. They prefer it

using the West Springfield address. They prefer it because they can get bread, produce, and clothing that was not available at the Feeding Hills site," according to Candy Boucher, Executive Director.

She continued, "Our volunteers spent many Thursday nights alone, with no clients. Our thanks go to Pat Guay of West Springfield and Kathy Lyons of Agawam, who have served the Feeding Hills site so graciously for three months. Pat and Kathy are eager to welcome all their clients back to the West Springfield site."

West Springfield **Coin Club Slates Semi-Annual Show**

The West Springfield Coin Club will hold its Semi-Annual Coin Show at the Dante Club on Baldwin Street, West Springfield, from 10:00 a.m.

to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 18th.

Coin dealers will be exhibiting as well as buying and selling coins and giving free appraisals.

Admission is free.

The Dante Club is located across from the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition on Memorial Avenue.

For further information, contact Peter Setian at

Agawam Lioness To Hold Annual Ziti And Meatball Supper

The Agawam Lioness Club is holding its annual Ziti & Meatball Supper on Thursday, April 15th at the Lions' Den on the Big E grounds in West Springfield.

Servings will be from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

The meatballs and sauce are made by the Lioness. The supper is one of many fundraisers for charitable donations and scholarships.

Tickets are available from club members and at

the door. They are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children.



LYNN HADDEN AND TROY QUINN

Lynn Hadden **Engaged To Wed Troy Quinn**

Mr. & Mrs. James Hadden of Agawam announce the engagement of their daughter, Lynn

Hadden, to Troy Quinn.

The future bride is a 1990 graduate of Agawam High School. She is currently employed as a supervisor at Design Works in Ludlow. Lynn is also co-owner of Shooting Star Dance Center of Agawam. She is the granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Howard Hadden of Agawam.

The future groom is a graduate of Montville High School in Connecticut and is the son of Kevin Quinn of Montville and Sue Pettry of Norwich, Connecticut. He is currently employed by Mohegan Sun Casino in Connecticut.

The couple is planning a May 1999 wedding that

The couple is planning a May 1999 wedding that will be held in Old Saybrook, Connecticut, followed by a Hawaiian honeymoon.

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Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

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Tuesday, April 13th: New dish — meatball sub casserole, tossed salad, ice

Wednesday, April 14th: Turkey roll-up, stuffing with gravy, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, morning sunshine muffins.

Thursday, April 15th: American chop suey, broccoli and cauliflower, breadsticks, apricots.

Friday, April 16th: Baked fish, rice Pilaf, spinach, pumpernickel bread, mixed fruit. (Menu subject to change without) notice.)

Richard Cournoyer Is In Certified Pella **Contractor Program**

Richard Cournoyer of RAC Carpentry in Feeding Hills has been accepted into Pella Corporation's nationwide Certified Pella Contrac-

Certified Pella Contractors receive special training in the installation of Pella windows and doors. The program also provides members with ongoing local and corporate marketing support from Pella Corporation.

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BABY VALARIE MARSH

Ziti And Meatball Dinner To Benefit Baby Valarie Marsh

On Saturday, April 17th, a ziti and meatball dinner will be held at the Polish American Club, 139 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, for the benefit of Valarie Marsh. This event will run from 6:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Val, who resides in Agawam, is a 16 month-old baby girl who was born with SVT — supra ventricular tachycardia. She was recently diagnosed with having two holes in her heart, and she is having open heart surgery on April 9th at Boston Children's Hospital.

This is all complicated by intestinal and lung problems. Val also has atopic eczema/dermatitis, and she has many allergies. She constantly needs to be seen by a team of doctors at Boston Children's Hospital.

The monies contributed through this benefit will be used for Val's continuous care at Boston Children's Hospital and all of her special needs.

Tickets for the dinner (which will also feature a D.J. and raffles) are \$10. For tickets and information, call Lisa at 789-7546. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Donations may also be made to baby Val in care of the "Baby Valarie Marsh Benefit" at Woronoco Savings Bank, P.O. Box 266, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

The Marsh family — baby Valarie, Christa, Melissa, Leah, Joey, Erin, Lisa, and John — appreciates any support that you can give and looks forward to seeing you on April 17th.

Agawam Garden Club To Meet On Tuesday, April 13th

Do you love the intoxicating scent of Lavender or Southernwood? Would you love to have fresh home grown herbs handy to use in your kitchen?

home grown herbs handy to use in your kitchen?
I thought so! You need to be at the next
Agawam Garden Club meeting on Tuesday, April
13th at 7:00 p.m. where you can learn about growing your own herbs.

Meet location is the Captain Charles Leonard House at 663 Main Street in Agawam. Our guest speaker will be Larry Lirot, who is an avid gardener and he also worked at the Capriland Herb Farm.

Guests are always welcome, so bring a friend. Guest fee is \$1 and refreshments will be served following the program.

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WHENEVER THEY ENTERTAIN AREA RESIDENTS (such as the seniors at Heritage Hall), the West Side Tappers make sure that their performances are pleasant to the eye as well as to the ear. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

"Gourmet Tasting" Event Slated For April 26th At Westfield's School Street Bistro

Westfield's School Street Bistro has teamed up with Coastal Beverage Co., Commercial Distributing Co., and Berkshire Brewing Co. to create a Gourmet Tasting event, to support children and youth who are served by Kamp For Kids®.

On Monday evening, April 26th, the School Street Bistro, 29 School Street, Westfield, will host an evening of gourmet tastes and live entertainment.

Social hour will begin at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. Cost for this *Molto Bene!* evening is \$50 per person, and proceeds will benefit Kamp For Kids®, which provides a summer camping experience of growth, inclusion, and fun for children and youth with and without disabilities.

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Church News

Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational

This Saturday, Aprill 10th, at 10:00 a.m., there will be a Memorial Service for Ronald E. King at Agawam Congregational Church, located at 745 Main Street, Agawam.

This Sunday, April 11th, is Rainbow Sunday. The Choir Cantata, "He Shall Arise," will be presented under the direction of Ellen Cogen, Minister of Music. Holmus for this special music

The Rainbow Assembly No. 79 will lead and participate in the service. Church member Sarah Gates is the Worthy Advisor for the Rainbow

Assembly No. 79.
Rev. Fuller's Children's Message will be "Rainbow People."

Church School classies will resume on this Sunday, with grades seven through 12 meeting at 9:00 a.m. and Crib Room through the sixth grade meeting at 10:30 a.m. during the service.

The Annual Meeting of the Agawam Congregational Church will immediately follow the Worship Service. Officers of the church and new Committee Members will be installed at the meeting.

Next Sunday, April 18th, will be Children's Communion. Children ages three years through the sixth grade will godificatly downstairs to the Worship Chapel for Communion.

Rev. Fuller and members of the Board of Deacons will serve Communion to the children.

Men's Prayer Time is held weekly on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. This half-hour includes a devotional reading, prayer, and a time of refreshments and fellowships.

All are welcome to this very special time. For more information, contact Rev. Fuller at 786-7111.

The Adult Bible Discussion Group will meet each first and third Wednesday of the month at 7:45 p.m., following the 7:00 p.m. Midweek Service. The next Discussion Group will meet on April

All are invited to attend this informal, non-threatening, fun group. For more information, please call the church office at 786-7111.

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Chicken Supper At Valley Community

The following movies were henpecked by a crowing number of random pulletsters: "Chickenhart" -a Scottish rooster seeks to

reclaim his henhouse from a rival farm.

"The Chicktanic" -a giant chicken goes down. "Chickspeare in Love" -a hen disguises herself as a rooster playing a hen.

The stars of these movies, unfortunately, never received an Oscar nomination. However, they did win the prestigious Purdue Award and can be seen gracing the tables at the Valley Community Church Supper on Saturday, April 10th from 5:00-6:30 p.m.

If you would like to attend this glitzy affair with all the fixings and stuffing, call the church at 786-2445 or Jeff Hill at 786-2552 and make a reser-

Tickets for this opportunity to rub wings with such stars as Goldie Hen, Jack Chickenson, and Egg McMann are only \$7 per adult and \$3.50 per child under 12 ... a poultry price for such a

cluckinary eggsperience!
Remember, this event received critical "eg-

Bethany Assembly Of God To Conduct Red **Cross Blood Drive**

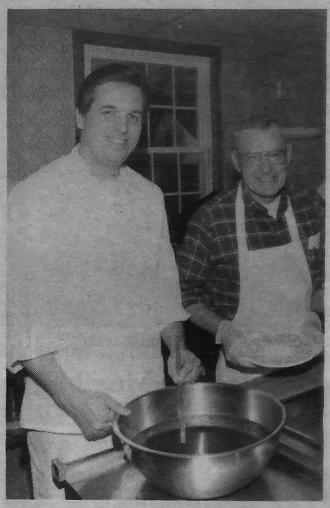
Bethany Assembly of God is sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive on Saturday, April 17th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity to share the gift of life.

Please join the Red Cross team in the gym at 580 Main Street in Agawam to participate in this

For more information or to sign up for an appointment, please call 789-2930.

Best local news with us, every week... AAN!!!

Kitchen Helpers...



CHRIS HAMEL (left) and JIM RANDOLPH were among the volunteers who helped out during the baked chicken supper at Agawam Congregational Church on Saturday, March 27th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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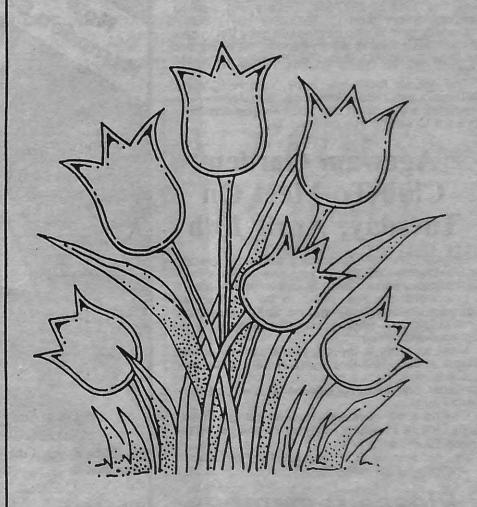
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Reflections... submitted by Rev. Peter Monahan Pastor of the New Life Christian Church, Suffield, CT (413) 789-1377 or toll free (877) 643-9801

The Concept Of "Atonement"...

Some one-quarter to one-third of the gospels are dedicated to the story of the week between Palm Sunday and Easter in Jesus' life. That might at first blush appear to be disproportionate. However, the allocation of space rendered to the death and resurrection of Jesus might be suggesting to us that this particular event in Jesus' life is even more extraordinary than we typically

The Bible speaks of Jesus in many ways, among them as the sacrifice for sin which God made on our behalf. For example, it speaks of Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by His blood. Other versions use the word propitiation or expiation in the place of atonement. In all cases, the idea is that Jesus Christ's death was considered by God to be a

substitution for the death we deserved to die.

Jesus died in our place. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. Each of us has failed to measure up to our own standards, and we've failed God's standards even

That's what makes us sinners; not that we're terribly and constantly evil, but that we're not always and absolutely good. The Bible says, the wages of sin is death. It also says, for our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God, because the free gift of God is eternal life through

Admittedly, such theological talk can sometimes inadvertently obscure the depth of meaning we strive to achieve. Perhaps it might help us to describe the concept of propitiation in

A few months ago, Pope John Paul II visited the United States. While in Saint Louis, the Pope met with the governor of Missouri and entreated him to commute the death sentence for a prisoner on death row.

Reluctantly, the governor agreed. His statement to the press was, "I didn't want to do it, but the Pope asked me to. What else could I do in that situation?"

Let's tell the story a little differently. Let's suppose that when Pope John Paul II sought leniency for the death row inmate, the governor responded, "I appreciate your concern, and I'm moved by your appeal. However, I must ask you to appreciate that we are a nation of laws. The law says that man committed a crime which calls for the death penalty. I regreat to say I must turn your request

The Pope responds to the governor by saying, "I respect your laws. They have merit. However, I appeal to you again on behalf of this man. He should die because your law says that death is the penalty for his crime. But, please allow me to take his place."

The scene now moves forward to the evening a few days later. The customary crowd is assembling in a remote section of the massive prison building. A door opens, and a little white-haired man dressed in a simple white robe shuffles into the room. His hands shake and his voice trembles from a combination of Parkinson's disease and

An attendant removes the Pontiff's robe and takes his shepherd's staff, transferring them to a Papal assistant. Pope John Paul II is assisted to lay down on a cold gurney, and a needle is inserted into his right arm. A saintly man died in the place of a criminal.

Outside in the prison yard, away from the crowd protesting the death penalty, the death row inmate looks back over his shoulder for one last look as he walks towards freedom. One wonders if he even appreciates what was done for him.

That, beloved of God, is a picture of Jesus Christ dying on the cross for you. For me. For all

Memorial Service For Ronald E. King At Ag. Congregational

The Agawam Congregational Church, located at 745 Main Street, Agawam, will have a Memorial Service on Saturday, April 10th, at 10:00 a.m. for

Ronald E. King. Ronald was a lifelong member of the church.

Valley Community Church And Feeding Hills Congregational Celebrate Easter Together

The darkness lifted slowly Sunday worship, but finally gave way to a glorious Easter light. Members, families, and friends of Valley Com-

munity Church rose early for their Sunrise Service high atop the hill at 152 S. Westfield St. to praise the Risen Lord in prayer and song.

The moving service, held outside by the large wooden cross overlooking the entire Pioneer Valley, was complemented by the addition of Rev. Robert Donaldson and his congregation from Feeding Hills Congregational Church, as well as many members from the community many members from the community.

Together, we joined in fellowship and a delicious Pancake Breakfast following the service and then went each to their own churches to continue the celebration of Christ's victory.

Valley Community Church welcomes all of the Christian faith to worship with us again this Sunday at 9:30 as Pastor Robert Loesch leads us in a series of Sunday sermons interpreting the New Testament lesson about each of the seven different churches in Asia Minor, to which the Book

of Revelation was addressed.

We begin with "Constant Changes - The Church of Ephesus" and the scripture is Revelation 1:1-12

the service in Dunn Hall before Sunday School and Bible Study commence at 11:00.

On Monday, April 12th, the Board of Administration will meet at 7:00 p.m. to hear the quarterly reports of the various boards and committees.

All are welcome to attend to learn more of the inner workings of our church's governing body. The Board of Mission will meet upstairs at the

On Wednesday, April 14th, the Junior Choir will meet at 6:15 p.m. to rehearse their musical and

the Senior Choir will rehearse at 7:00 p.m.
On Thursday, April 15th, the Parish Life Committee will gather together to discuss upcoming church family activities and care-giving projects.
They will meet in Dunn Hall at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Board of Deacons at 8:00 p.m. by the Board of Deacons at 8:00 p.m.

Mark this Saturday, April 10th, on your calendars as the day for our monthly Chicken Supper. Servings are from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults, and \$3.50 for children under 12.

Choir Cantata At Agawam Congregational

The Agawam Congregational Church Sanctuary Choir will present a Cantata, "He Shall Arise," this Sunday, April 11th. The choir is under the

direction of Ms. Ellen Cogen, Minister of Music. Please join us for this special service that will musically tell the story of Easter.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon - AAN!!!



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News And Notes From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Our Sunday morning service of worship begins at 10:00

The Lector this week will be Lani Kretschmar. The Scripture readings for the second Sunday of Easter will be Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31.

Rev. Donaldson's sermon title is "To Be Really

Children are invited to attend worship with their parents, leaving at a designated time for Sunday School; nursery care will be provided for the very

This Sunday we will have our monthly collection for the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry. Bags of groceries and articles of clean, usable clothing are needed. Please bring your items to

the Open Pantry table in the sanctuary.

If you are unable to donate a bag of groceries, envelopes will be available in the sanctuary on the Open Pantry collection table for cash donations.

Volunteers are needed to make desserts for the Open Pantry on Wednesday, April 14th. If you are able to make a dessert (brownies, sheet cake, cookies, etc.), please have your contribution to the church kitchen by 12:00 noon on Wednesday.

A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in Griswold Hall.

The deadline for submissions to be included in the May church newsletter is April 15th. (A much less taxing alternative to something the IRS wants on that day!)

There will be a Bread for the World Offering of Letters workshop held after worship on April 18th. Materials and sample letters will be provided to those wishing to help solve the problem of world

Our evening hour of worship (which is usually scheduled for the last Sunday of the month) will instead take place this month on April 18th so that all may attend the anniversary celebration of the MACUCC on April 25th.

The evening worship will begin as usual at 6:30 p.m. Worshippers are encouraged to bring a favorite poem, story, or song to share.

On the calendar:

Friday, April 9th: 7:00 p.m., Play practice. Saturday, April 10th: 6:00 p.m., OF Mystery Dinner Theater

Sunday, April 11th: 10:00 a.m., Open Pantry Sunday; 6:00 p.m., OF Mystery Dinner Theater.

Monday, April 12th: 4:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts; 7:00 p.m., C.E.

Tuesday, April 13th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:00 p.m.,

Wednesday, April 14th: Open Pantry desserts needed (by 12:00 noon); 4:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Choir; 7:30 p.m., Cub Scout Committee

Thursday, April 15th: Newsletter deadline; 7:00

"Church News" is a weekly feature of The AAN and is just reason more why you turn our pages...

Good Friday At St. David's Church...



AT ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, located at 699 Springfield Street in Feeding Hills, the children of the parish participated in a special program to commemorate the Lenten season on Good Friday (April 2nd). Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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St. John's Parish **News And Notes**

AGAWAM CATHOLIC SINGLES CLUB Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

April 10th: "Camelot." Call Joann, 786-1583. ST. JOHN'S OVER-60 CLUB

* Boston Trolley Trip on Thursday, May 6th. Feel the drama of the Revolution in America. Visit Quincy Market, lunch at the Marriott Long Wharf. Price: \$52. For reservations, call Lil, 786-9586, or Barbara, 569-9830.

Saratoga Performing Arts will be presenting "Swan Lake," a full-length ballet. The Club has tickets reserved for the matinee on July 8th, and this will include a visit to the National Museum of Dance and lunch at Hall of Springs. Make reservations early. Cost: \$57.00.

CLOWNS WANTED

The Parish Picnic will be coming up in August. We are preparing already and looking for anyone who would like to develop the little "bit of clown" which is in all of us.

Interested in a rudimentary course and even learning the animal balloon craft? Just call Mariann Green at 593-5764.

R.C.I.A.

We welcome our newest parishioners who joined us at the Easter Vigil: Thomas Pierson, Kevin Kellerman, Deborah Richards, Carol Szoka, and Matthew Szoka.

We trust they will enrich our parish family.

AN EVENING FOR MARRIED COUPLES

St. John's is hosting a workshop for the Diocese of Springfield on Friday, April 16th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Dr. James Healy, Director of Family Life from Joliet, Ind., will speak about "Marriage Enrichment: Back to Back, Face to Face, and Shoulder to Shoulder." The fee is \$10 per couple, with a deadline of April 9th.

Call Sr. Mary Petisce at our Family Life Office, 732-3175. All married couples are welcome.
PLACEMENT TESTS

Holyoke Catholic, April 10th. St. Mary's in Westfield, April 10th

GREETINGS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS We welcome the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus to the 9:30 Mass this weekend, as they gather in preparation for their Communion Breakfast. JUBILEE 2000

Here are some of the ideas so far planned in the

parish for the Millennium/Jubilee:

A Mission Week, Philosophy Statement, Special Parish Theme, Senior Days, Youth Days, Special Parish Theme, Senior Days, Youth Days, Sunday School Play, Community Banner, Parishioner Quilt, Sunday Breakfasts, Lecture Series, Suppers, Millennium Service, Singalongs, Day Trips, plus all of your ideas not record-

Would you like to get in on the planning? Call any member of the committee and let them know how you can help: Bert Bertolino (786-1449), Paul Briere (789-4551), Pat Drewniak (786-7270), Sr. Fran Gloster (786-8105), or Sr. Fran White (786-4499).

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Communion Sunday At First Baptist

Communion will be celebrated this Sunday morning at the 9:30 a.m. service of worship at First Baptist Church, corner of Main and Elm

Pastor Richard Barnes will speak on "We Are Witnesses" for his morning message. He will use

scriptural passages from Acts 2.

Sherry Bessette will lead the responsive reading. Greeters for the morning will be Marilyn and Harold Kane.

Following worship, there will be a time of fellowship in Davis Hall. Children's and adults' classes are held until 11:45 a.m. As usual, nursery care is provided throughout the evening.

Our calendar for tihis week:

Tuesday, April 13th: 10:00 a.m., Searchlighters Circle Bible Study (home of Dot Jenks); 7:00 p.m., Junior Youth Group

Wednesday, April 14th: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open; 7:30 p.m., Church Committee. Thursday, April 15th: 12:00 noon, Women's

Fellowship luncheon (guests — Agawam Congregational ladies); evening — "Burlap to Cashmere" (Christian music concert in Boston); 7:00 p.m., Caring Connection; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehear-

Friday, April 16th: 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., Spaghetti Dinner (tickets are \$5 and proceeds will benefit the Agawam Fire Department; call 786-0337 for reservations)

Saturday, April 17th: American Baptist Women Ministries of Massachusetts meeting at Central Baptist Church in Chelmsford (for more information, call the church office).

Caring Connection contacts for the month of April are Hope Paradysz and Sharon Hodge.

On Tuesday, Aprill 20th, the Mr. & Mrs. Club is presenting a special program featuring Henry LaFleur, who hiked the entire Appalachian Trail without interruption. His slide show with music and narration depicts the beauty, majesty, and wonders that he experienced along the way.
You are welcome to join with the Club that

evening. Come at 6:30 p.m. with your covered dish, or come at 7:30 p.m. for the program. In either event, call Howard and Nina Bailey, Chairpersons (786-7024), so that we can save a place for you.

A reminder - annual reports are due in the church office by April 15th!

Faith Bible Church Hosting Seminar

Faith Bible Church, located at 370 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, is now hosting a 52-week series seminar entitled "The End Times."

Presented by Pastor James R. Jasmin, this series of Tuesday evening teachings will present current prophetic truths based on Scripture.

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Catholic Women's **Club To Host Fashion Show On April 22nd**

Fashions in the latest spring and summer styles will be presented to the public at a fashion show to be hosted by the Agawam Catholic Women's Club on Thursday, April 22nd, in the Social Center of St. John the Evangelist Church on Main Street.

Wine and cheese will be available before the curtain rises, and refreshments will be served durintermission. Fashions will be by the Westfield store of Dress Barn. There will also be door prizes and raffle prizes.

The \$8 tickets may be purchased at the April 12th meeting of the Catholic Women's Club, or from any member of the committee.

Paula Raiche and Lil Doyle are chairpersons of the event, and they will be assisted by the following committee members: Virginia Zerbato, Carolyn Capitanio, Adele Gallano, Marty Jerry, Stella Longhi, Terry Longo, Vickie Natale, and

Chicken And Spaghetti Dinner At St. David's

St. David's Episcopal Church will be hosting a Chicken & Spaghetti Dinner on Monday, April 12th, at 6:00 p.m. The dinner will be held at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield Street, Feeding

The menu will include: half a chicken, spaghetti, tossed salad, bread and butter, beverage (coffee, tea, and juice), and ice cream with fudge sauce (homemade by the chef!).

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. These may be purchased in advance at

St. David's or at the door.

Due to a sell-out on the last two dinners, we will be unable to hold unpaid reservations past 6:45 p.m. without prior arrangements.

Proceeds from this dinner will go towards the debt reduction of the new church building.

For more information, please call (413)

For photo coverage in the Advertiser News, contact AAN photographer Jack Devine at 789-0053; however, please give at least 48 hours' notice.

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Spotlight On Business

Ambrogio's Showcases "From Scratch" Delights

by Kathy Shepard AAN Feature Writer

No matter how old a person gets, it is a source of never-ceasing wonder that a person can live in a town and drive by a particular landmark of business and somehow not notice it. A long-time town resident needed a cake for her mother's birthday. She noticed (in the phone book) Ambrogio's Bakery at 1325 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills and called. Even though it was last-minute, a beautiful cake was ready by 4:00 p.m., and it was

Christa Ciannini owns and operates Ambrogio's Bakery. She bakes everything "from scratch." The variety of appetizing foods on display in this cute shop explain why Christa has earned the affectionate title from early-risers and night officers as "a lone light in Feeding Hills." Christa starts baking at 4:00 a.m.!

Her shop opened in January 1998. As well as baking everything from scratch, only natural ingredients with no preservatives are employed in the art. Ambrogio's opens at 7:00 a.m. People can come in at 6:00 a.m., but Christa can't promise that all items are ready at that time.

Homemade lunches, with soup and an entree, are her specialty. Pork roast or shrimp scampi are a few examples. There is always coffee, and she feels that her best product is danish, mostly the cheese figure-eights. The bakery closes at 6:00 p.m. weekdays, and is open Saturdays until 3:00 p.m. The bakery is closed on Sunday for business - she has to have one day to

Christa prefers 24-hours' notice at 821-9571 for bakery products. Among these are cookie platters (Hannoush Jewelers orders these from her for special occasions). Her 18 breads include country white, Italian, sundried tomato basil, pesto, French, wheat, sunflower seed, raisin, cheddar onion, pumpernickel, marble rye, seven grain, unseeded rye, and more. Star Bread is the only one she brings in from a different source. She bakes bread for the Yankee Pedlar Inn in Holyoke, too.

Christa worked at Big Y and learned cake decorating the Wilton way, which includes making real-looking flowers, but otherwise, she is self-



CHRISTA CIANNINI, owner of Ambrogio's Bakery at 1325 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

taught. She worked at the Corner Deli on Main Street (near Phelps School) for 10 years, too. She has smiling eyes and a no-pressure way about her that makes it fun to be at this bakery. The foods add to the pleasure, with pies like coconut custard, chocolate cream, banana cream, Swiss chocolate almond, coconut cream, and lemon meringue.

Ambrogio's Bakery is a resource for those needing fresh-baked, no-preservative foods. Nothing is fried, all is from scratch, and variety abounds - muffins, danish, macaroons, pastries - "a little bit of everything with some Italian directions and American influence," is Christa's description of this great selection.

Forget Me **Not Slates** "Mystery

Forget Me Not Consignments, a women's fashion consignment shop located at 1353 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills (next to the Feeding Hills Post Office), will be hosting a two-day "Mystery Dis-count" sale on Friday, April 9th, from 10:00 a.m. day, April 10th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Discounts from 20 to 50 percent off the regular price on all spring fashions will be offered. At the time of purchase, customers will be given a balloon with the discount ticket inside. Don't miss the opportunity to receive 20 to 50 percent off already value-priced fashions!

Refreshments will be served. All charge cards are accepted. Layaway and gift certificates are also available.

During this special sale, all Beanie Babies will be offered at 20 percent off! Don't miss this special Mystery Sale at Forget Me Not Consignment Shop. For more information, call 786-3376.

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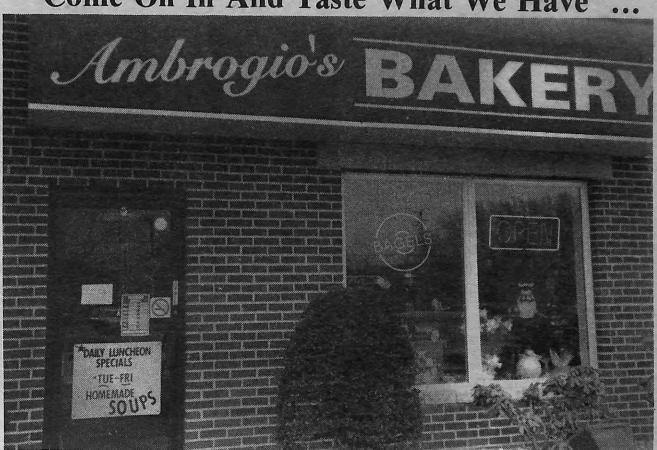
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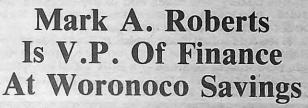


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THE SIGN WELCOMING CUSTOMERS to Ambrogio's Bakery, which is located at 1325 Springfield Street in Feeding Hills. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Mark A. Roberts was recently hired as the Vice President of Finance at Woronoco Savings Bank, announced Cornelius D. Mahoney, President and CEO. He will work in the Bank's main office on Court Street in Westfield.

Mark holds an MBA in Finance from Western New England College and a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from American International College. Formerly of SIS Bank, Mark brings with him 14 years of finance experience in banking.

Mark is the 1st Vice President of the Board of Managers for the Springfield Day Nursery. He and his family reside in Feeding Hills.

Woronoco Savings Bank has 12 branches throughout the Pioneer Valley, including four branches in Big Y Supermarkets. Woronoco employs a staff of approximately 170 people.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon...



MARK A. ROBERTS



REBECCA LIGSUKIS (left), Vice President of Residential Lending at Westfield Bank, presents a \$2,000 check to H. John Fisher, Director of Ownership Programs for the Hampden Hampshire Housing Partnership (HAP, Inc.).

Westfield Bank Donates \$2,000 To HAP, Inc.

Westfield Bank President Donald A. Williams recently announced that the bank has donated \$2,000 to the Hampden Hampshire Housing Partnership (HAP, Inc.). The monies will be used to support HAP's first-time homebuyer programs.

At the check presentation, H. John Fisher, Director of Ownership Programs, noted that "by working together - Westfield Bank and HAP - a new group of folks will be able to become homeowners."

During 1998, HAP provided training at 24 homebuyer workshops. Over 400 individuals attended these sessions and at least one-quarter of the attendees became homeowners.

Rebecca Ligsukis, Vice President of Residential Lending, stated, "Westfield Bank has been an active supporter of mortgages for all segments of our market. It is indeed rewarding to be able to work with HAP to provide support and assistance to first-time buyers."

Westfield Bank is one of the largest community banks in the area with assets of more than \$580 million. The bank, founded in 1853, maintains its headquarters in Westfield. Branches are located in West Springfield, Agawam, Southwick, and East Longmeadow. A location in downtown Springfield is scheduled to open this spring.

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haven't looked through for a week or more? () Have you forgotten an appointment or a special date in the past month?

() Do your newspapers and magazines pile up

() Do you frequently lose or misplace things?
() Do things pile up in the corners of the closets or floor because you can't decide where to put

() After coming home from shopping, do you find that you forgot to buy something?
() In the case of a tragedy, would your spouse find your valuable papers and records?

() Do you want to get organized, but you don't know where to start?
THESE ARE YOUR PROBLEMS

You fail to make time to get and stay organized ... Set specific time aside everyday for tackling your organizational problems. Write things in your

appointment book just as though it was a doctor's appointment.

You fail to follow up ... Don't assume that you'll remember what you have to do in the future. Even if you could remember, why would you want to clutter up your mind? I keep a to-do list and a calendar with me at all times and blog eventhing. calendar with me at all times, and I log everything. In fact, I also use my electronic organizer extremely effectively, especially the alarm. I can't live without it.

You fail to set priorities ... Again, I use my to-do list and my calendar for everything. Get in the habit of writing down every future task that arises as it arises. Each morning or evening, list the most important and urgent things that must be completed that day. Mark each item number one (deadline issues), number two (basic tasks), or number three (routine tasks). Cross off each item as it's completed and transfer unfinished item as it's completed, and transfer unfinished

items to the next day's list.

You fail to divide a complex problem into small,
manageable segments ... Don't try to fix
everything at once — get focused. Divide your
problems into small units. If the problem is a physical one (a messy basement), visually check out the room and list the elements to work on. If the problem is a system or a process, mentally run through it and break it down. Also, it's very impor-tant that you work on solving only one small pro-

blem at a time.

You fail to deal with paper ... There are four things that you should do with paper — toss it, pass it along to someone else, act on it, or file it. Each piece of paper requires its own small decision. The worst thing that you can do is pick up a piece of paper, and then put it down because you don't know how to handle it.

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Thomas F. Corgan Is Named A Principal At Corbin & Tapases, P.C., In West Spfld.

William D. Corbin, CPA, and Christos A. Tapases, CPA, of Corbin & Tapases, P.C., are pleased to announce that Thomas F. Crogan has joined the firm as a principal. Corbin & Tapases, P.C. (certified public accountants) is located at 95 Ashley Avenue, West Springfield, (413) 781-5430. Tom graduated from Western New England College in 1986 and the University of New Haven in 1994 where he carried this Martinian Research.

1994, where he earned his Master's Degree in Taxation.

He has been in public accounting since 1986, providing income and estate tax preparation and planning, accounting and audit reporting services, and business valuation and consulting ser-

Tom recently completed the certification process to earn the designation of Certified Valuation Analyst. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), the Massachusetts Society of CPA's, and the National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts (NACVA).

He has been employed at the firm since 1989. Tom currently resides in Hampden, Massachusetts, with his wife, Marjorie, and their three children: Christopher, Katelyn, and Coreen.

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Legal Memo

by Alan L. Ferrigno, Esq. 546 Springfield St., F.H. (413) 786-9454



Motor Vehicle Negligence Motorcycle Collision With Newspaper Truck

The 38-year-old plaintiff was riding his motorcycle on a curved road at about 6:00 p.m. when his motorcycle collided with an automobile traveling in the opposite direction and driven by a news carrier for the defendant newspaper.

rier for the defendant newspaper.

The plaintiff suffered injuries to his back, arms, and legs as well as severe brain injury. He was med-evacuated to a medical center and, after medical treatment, transferred to a rehabilitation center.

The plaintiff's expert accident reconstructionist claimed that the plaintiff's responses to the emergency situation - reaction time and responses - were equal to what would have been expected of any operator responding to the unexpected danger in these circumstances. The plaintiff's expert also stated that the motorcycle was travling at 30 m.p.h. at the time the plaintiff first saw the news carrier's car. The plaintiff's expert also rebutted defense claims that the news carrier was in the proper lane of travel.

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The medical center lab tests indicated a possible .252 blood alcohol level of the plaintiff, which was disputed by counsel. The defendant's toxicologist conceded on cross-examination to a number of factors which reduced the laborabory reading to at least a .21 and, therefore, rendered the .252 as inaccurate.

The defendant alleged that the newspaper carrier was an independent contractor. However, when plaintiff's counsel called upon newspaper company executives, they alleged a demonstrated control over the carrier as far as assigning routes, times, and reporting duties.

The jury found the carrier was an agent of the defendant newspaper company and was, therefore, liable for the plaintiff's injuries. The jury awarded the plaintiff and his family \$6.6 million (including interest).

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Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts. If you have a legal question, Attorney Ferrigno will attempt to address the same in this column. Please send any questions to the address listed above.

Be sure to read Alan L. Ferrigno's "Legal Memo" in the ADVERTISER NEWS... A New National Campaign...

Coldwell Banker's Television Ads Define Changes In Real Estate

Coldwell Banker Real Estate Corporation (COL-DWELL BANKER) has announced the launch of its new, 1999 national television advertising campaign. The new campaign, titled "I AM COL-DWELL BANKER," communicates the changing face of real estate, the role of the sales associate, and new service levels that consumers should expect from a real estate company.

The spots are a departure from what most real estate TV spots usually demonstrate. The scenes in the new Coldwell Banker ads place emphasis on the relationship between the sales associate and the home buyer or seller, whereas other real estate spots generally emphasize the number of property listings or unnaturally exuberant clientele.

The "I Am" spots focus on relationship interaction and strive to communciate the differentiating aspects of the COLDWELL BANKER style of real estate.

The new television campaign consists of three spots; one targets the seller, one addresses the needs of a buyer, and one introduces the new COLDWELL BANKER Concierge® service. The COLDWELL BANKER Concierge program is a groundbreaking, value-added program targeted to the busy home buyer and seller.

COLDWELL BANKER offices that offer the ser-

COLDWELL BANKER offices that offer the service centrally facilitate or refer consumers to service providers and vendors that can help the many details of a consumer's move — from utilities hook up and cleaning services to home improvement vendors. The seller and buyer spots began airing nationally during the second week in February, and the COLDWELL BANKER Conciege ad debuted in March.

The focus of the "I Am" campaign is on the promise made by COLDWELL BANKER affiliates to be the consumer's ear, eye, and voice during the real estate transaction. In the spots, agents talk directly into the camera, making statements which define the changing face of real estate and which support the idea of "what real estate should be."

The production is atypical of the normally conservative real estate industry. Images filmed by several different kinds of cameras are layered and

projected, unveiling a complex, involved series of angles, colors, typography, and light. The 15-second and 30-second television spots were developed by the real estate company's agency of record, the Sawtooth Group.

"Consumers in the real estate market are looking for and should expect more comprehensive services from their real estate agent and company—something beyond the sale or purchase of a house," said Alex Perriello, President & CEO, Coldwell Banker Real Estate Corporation. "We feel that the level and style of service offered by our affiliates, and the fact that COLDWELL BANKER sales associates back their promise with a service guarantee, are what differentiates the COLDWELL BANKER system from other real estate companies. This is the foundation from which this campaign was built."

"Our research showed that consumers don't really know what to expect in a real estate transaction; they haven't been provided with a description of what a real estate company and sales associate are supposed to do," said Regina Taylor, Senior Vice President, Marketing, Coldwell Banker Real Estate Corporation. "The spots emphasize a compelling mantra: 'I am ... an ear, I am ... an eye, I am COLDWELL BANKER.' This language begs definition. When the mantras are defined, the message is clear that the consumer will be taken care of properly. This copy also delivers the message of the pride and principle behind the COLDWELL BANKER name."

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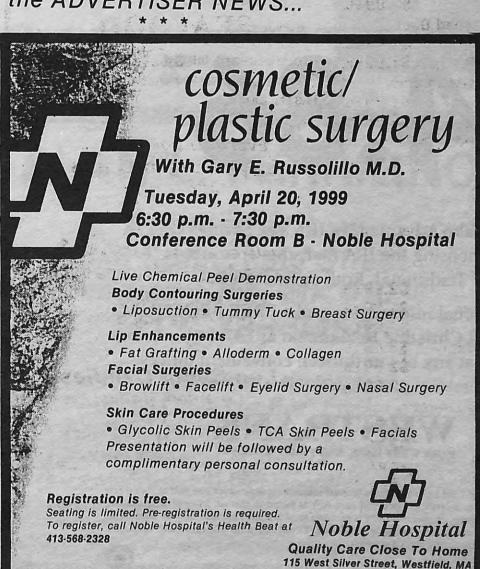
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Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you ... AAN!!!



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Timely Tips On How To Manage Your Finances

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What's Your Investment Risk Tolerance?

Have you ever heard that you should choose an investment strategy based on your financial goals and length of time before the realization of those goals? That's good advice, but there's another factor you should consider in building your investment portfolio. It's called your "risk tolerance," and your awareness of it can make or break your financial success financial success.

Why is knowing your tolerance for investment risk so important? Because, whether or not securities such as stocks are right for your objectives, they won't make you happy if you unload them in a parious than the market sets burner in the set of the set of the sets burner in the set of the set o them in a panic when the market gets bumpy, or if you can't sleep at night because you're worried

about losing money.

Following is a short quiz, with a few interpretive comments after each question, that will help you learn how tolerant of risk you are. Such insight can help you in choosing a mix of investments for both your financial goals and your temperament.

If you find that your risk tolerance is low, but your goals require a more aggressive stance, consider that generally, the risk of losing money in some stocks over the long term has paled in comparison to the risk of losing buying power to inflation in more conservative investments. Supposed-"safer" investments carry a real risk of their

1. How long until you'll need at least some of the money from your investments?

One to five years.

Five to 10 years. More than 10 years.

The length of time you can hold an investment largely determines how much risk you should tolerate. Stocks may be risky for periods of less than five years as the market might not have enough time to recover from a downturn. Historically, the longer the holding period for stocks, the less chance investors have had of losing money.

2. Imagine that you buy shares of a stock fund, and three months later the share price jumps up 30 percent.

Which would you do?

Sell the fund and lock in your profit. Hold on and hope for more gains. Buy more shares.

Those who chose to take the profit after three months are probably less risk tolerant, while the more aggressive investors would hold on for further gains or even add to their holdings.

3. Say you buy the same stock fund, and instead of its price rising, it plummets 30 percent after three months.

Now what would you do?

— Sell to avoid further losses.

Hold on and hope for a rebound. Buy more shares at the new, lower price.

The stock market heads downward occasionally, and that's not the best time to gauge your risk tolerance. If you opted to sell at a loss, explore your risk aversion further and don't buy securities you won't be able to hold through volatile times.

4. Take the same situation as question 3, but this time the fund is part of a portfolio you won't need until retirement in 15 years. What would you do?

Sell Hold on.

Buy more shares

A longer time frame and more diversified portfolio make many investors more comfortable during downturns. If you still chose "sell" here, consider learning more about all types of risk (including inflation risk) and how you can manage it more comfortably. By "holding on" you are staying the course in hopes that the market will rebound and place your investments in a better position over the long term.

Whether you're more or less tolerant of investment risk, there are a variety of investments and strategies that can help you achieve your goals without getting ulcers. A trusted financial advisor can assist you in exploring your feelings about risk and recommend a course of action that's

suitable for you.

For copies of his photos in this edition, please Jack Devine at 789-0053.

Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates Merge With Priscilla Harman Real Estate

Southwick: Robert P. Molta, President of Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates, has announced the merger between Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates with Priscilla Harman

Real Estate Associates.

"Priscilla Harman and her associates have many years of residential real estate sales experience and they are a very dynamic group of pro-fessionals. We are excited to have them join our Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates team," Robert P. Molta said.

"We have joined the Coldwell Banker Keenan

Molta Associates team because we firmly believe in the Coldwell Banker brand and appreciate the value in being a part of the largest, 100 percent locally-owned real estate company in

Western Massachusetts. That is a powerful combination that will allow us to provide the highest attainable level of service to our clients," said Priscilla Harman.

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by Kathy Shepard AAN Feature Writer

Body, Mind and Spirit at 330 Walnut Street Extension in Agawam opened about a month ago, providing Swedish Massage, Deep Tissue Massage, shower, steam, whirlpool, and state-of-the-art chair massage. Wendy Kearney of West Springfield owns the therapeutic massage establishment and has taken care to choose a decor that allows the surroundings to be soothing, attractive, and relaxing.

Gift certificates make an ideal gift for anyone, and coupons for \$5 off a massage are available by stopping in to visit. On Sunday, April 11th, from 1:00-4:00 p.m., an Open House will be held at Body, Mind and Spirit at 330 Walnut Street Extension in Agawam. There will be a drawing for a free one-hour massage. Light refreshments will be served and the public is welcome to tour the attractive environment. tractive environment.

Wendy is a licensed and certified massage therapist who graduated from Connecticut Center for Massage Therapy about a year-and-a-half ago. She is married and has four children - three boys between the ages of 11 and 16, and a daughter who will soon turn seven. When asked what motivated her to pursue more schooling and a new business venture, she answered, "It was

Her mom helps with the business by answering telephones and welcoming walk-in customers. The rooms are done in tasteful colors of soft grays and blues. It feels therapeutic simply to cross the threshold. Soft music is piped into all the rooms, with subdued lighting that can be dimmed to adjust the softness.

There are three massage rooms, plus a hydrotherapy room done all in ceramic tile. This has a two-person whirlpool for couples massage. This includes a 15-minute whirlpool, shared by the couple, then separate, individual, one-hour massages. The package price of a couple massage is \$100. The room also includes a two-person shower with eterm person shower with steam.

Benefits For All Ages

Wendy pointed out that anyone can benefit from therapeutic massage, from an infant to a senior citizen. Her prices are reasonable in order to be affordable to more people, and \$45 covers a full one-hour massage and there are special packages available as well.

"Everyone has a lot of stress today. This is one hour out of a day just for them to come and relax."

Massage therapy helps injured people, soothes

aching muscles, relieves tension, increases flex-ibility, and improves circulation. It can help with an aching back or some of today's occupational strains, such as neck or shoulder strain from sitting at a computer all day, or a carpel tunnel pro-

Wendy loves massage. "I am helping people to feel better by improving their health," she said when discussing her chosen career. "Touch makes people feel appreciated and cared for, yet in today's world, people can feel uncomfortable about touching. It's so necessary in this stressful world. It is a way to show compassion."

Another decision made by Wendy and her staff is to avoid wearing perfumes, because asthma is often adversely affected by artificial scents. This is an extremely professional and considerate

is an extremely professional and considerate decision, one that can greatly benefit persons with breathing difficulties. Since cases of asthma have increased in recent years, the decision seems logical

Body, Mind and Spirit also has on-site chair massages for people with little time to spare during the day. Wendy can also give workplace chair massage, by traveling to an office. This rejuvenates the employees. Chair massages have gradually become more popular in recent years, originating in large cities like New York and Boston and some of the bigger cities in California. Body, Mind and Spirit is one of the only massage therapy establishments in the area to offer the chair massage.

All therapists of Body, Mind and Spirit are licensed and certified. Appointments can be made by calling 789-5566. Ask for a \$5 off coupled the time of the state at the time of your massage. The public will be welcomed warmly at Open House on April 11th. The drawing to win a free massage and a chance to enjoy this soothing atmosphere and pleasant mood will make the visit worth it.

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"BODY, MIND AND SPIRIT," located at 330 Walnut Street Extension, Agawam, is owned and operated by Wendy Kearney of West Springfield (in right photo). Advertiser News photos by Jack



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An Advertiser News reader recently asked the question, "Is all family therapy the same?" Within the field of Family Therapy, there are a number of different "Schools" of thought that offer the consumer (client) different options to evaluate which approach may best help affect change in their system.

Each *school* offers a range of focus and methodology pertaining to the workings of human relationships that are different from one another, some more subtle, while others are more distinct. Each is similar in its "systemic" focus on the who, how, when, where, and what is impacting the individual, couple, and family system.

The systems approach is not in search of the allusive why in order to access and/or intervene in a system. While the **why** may become apparent, the family therapist (the systems thinker) values attending to the systemic connectedness of rela-

tionship functioning.

All family therapy schools care for the individual in a context of their relationships in their family of origin (birth family, however they understand it to be). They also care for the individual as they are connected to their current relationship context (family of choice) and within the larger systems of society and the world. The interconnectedness of relationship systems involves appreciating the interplay among the variables of class, ethnicity,

gender, race, religion, age, and regions.

Some of the *schools* of family therapy are: Brief-Solution focused therapy, Structural and Strategic therapies, the Reflective model, the Narrative approach, and the Contextual approach, to

The approach I primarily practice and the position I write my column from is called the Bowen family systems therapy approach. I don't present myself as its expert. However, I do aspire to its teaching that values "coaching" another from a position of growth and learning. I am committed to this active process as a means of inviting the same from another.

My writing is not intended to speak for the whole Family Therapy field. It is too rich and diverse. However, I offer my professional perspective about relationship issues as one personally

on a journey as well.

I offer to my readers a column about human relationships and discussion about what can help make change last. Some of this discussion will be theoretical, clinical, and hopefully a practical help to you on your relationship journey.

Due to space constraints, I may not always be able to care for all sides of an issue equally each time I write but makes is at the state of the state

time I write, but my hope is that over time my col-umn will not only stir the pot of discussion, but also be fair to all sides. My viewpoint is not for

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Overload, The Key **To Improvement**

by Carmela A. Kirk, RN Fitness Director, Fitness First

When it comes to your weight training program, the principle of overload is key. We've talked about overload before, although I may have called

The "overload principle" states that your body adapts to the physical demands placed on it. These demands must be regularly increased if you want to continue to improve. In other words, you must gradually and progressively make your workout harder - continually challenging your

There are different techniques to overload. You can make changes in the basic variables of training, e.g., sets, reps, resitance, and rest intervals. (Definition break - set is a group of repetitions performed without rest. Rep. is a single complete action of an exercise. Resistance is how much weight the muscle is working against. Rest is the important break between sets, at least 30 seconds.)

You can also make other changes such as frequency of your workouts, adding exercises in the same muscle group, different grips on the weight or different angles to lift from. Resistance training programs lose their efficiency only after two weeks. It is important to make a few changes

about every two weeks.

There are a few guidelines to follow when overloading. First, increase only one variable at a time. Use common sense, training variables influence each other. If you've increased resistance, you'll need to decrease reps and so on. Second, initially increase reps when another set is added. Third, increase resistance to maintain the number of reps for your training method or when you can complete two or more reps above

your limit on two consecutive days.

That was a mouthful. I'll give you a minute to read that sentence over. All set? In other words, increase your weights when you can do more reps than you set out to do. For increasing resistance, increase in small two-pound increments for small muscles, increase in bigger five- to 10-pound increments for bigger muscles.

Overload adaptation is important to keep in mind. Keep it challenging so you are not wasting any time. Use your head. Every two weeks or so, change it up. You cannot overload every workout or every week.

ADVERTISER NEWS



Your Back And Your Health

by Dr. Joseph S. Schlaffer Schlaffer Chiropractic Offices 192 Shoemaker Lane Agawam

Chiropractic & Children

Question: Can doctors of chiropractic do anything for children?

Answer: Yes! Rarely do childcare books give attention to the vital matter of children's spines and nervous systems. Yet, it is in the first few years of childhood that serious structural problems of the spine have their beginnings.

We see subluxations, fixations, spinal curvatures, and other structural distortions beginning in infancy. Before the skeletal/spinal system accommodates itself to these maladies, in early childhood, they can be easily and effectively cor-

A difficult birth process, during which abnormal stretching and pulling on the head and neck happens, may result in the first misalignment in the spine. The child's growing spine is very susceptible to the bumps and falls he/she experiences during toddlerhood. ing toddlerhood.

The developmental years are filled with sports and other forms of physical activity which often produces misalignment of the spinal column. The result is an impaired nervous system and poor

Children suffer from a variety of ailments/symptoms which are treated with medication. Instead, the health problem is a malfunctioning nervous system. The doctor of chiropractic corrects the underlying cause and the symptoms vanish without the need of medications which may have serious harmful side ef-

Some of the more common ailments responding well to chiropractic care are bed wetting, hyperactivity, spine or back problems, including scolious and headaches.

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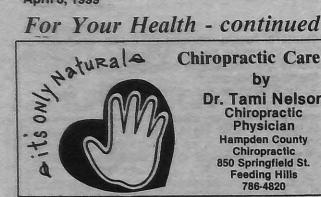
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For Your Health - continued ...



by Dr. Tami Nelson Chiropractic Physician **Hampden County**

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Preventing The Need For Bifocals

This week, one of my patients came in slightly depressed. He had just come from the eye doctor, who stated he needed bifocals. She said he was right on target - turning 45 this year (which depressed him evern more). She stated this is the age when the eyes start to deteriorate and need extra help.

It reminded me of a yoga class I took years ago. The older woman gave us exercises for the eyes and stated if we did the exercises, we would never

The exercises are for stretching the eye muscles. Sometimes we forget the eye is composed largely of muscles, and if not utilized to the full extent, the muscle, like any other muscle, weakens over time. I thought I would share with you these exercises.

While sitting, focus on an object far away in the distance, then quickly focus on the tip of your nose, then far again, then close. Repeat this exercise for several minutes.

This is a strengthening exercise for the eye muscles. Next is stretching. Look up, down, side to side, diagonally, then around clockwise and back counter-clockwise.

These stretches are great. They can be done anywhere; sitting in the car, in church, or waiting in line. Plus, they don't work up a sweat - extra

I've done these exercises for years and so far, no bifocals or any other type of glasses. However, I am nowhere near 45 years-old!!!
I'll have to let you know at that time (of course,

that will be so far down the road ...).

Agawam Health Dept. **Asks Residents To** Fill Out Survey

The Agawam Health Department will begin blood sugar testing to all individuals interested, by appointment only, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings.

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AGAWAM HEALTH DEPT. SURVEY

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cerns of our community. Please take a few moments to help us plan needed services by answering a few of the ques-

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Ages of children in household __

Number of children_ Would you like to see a pneumonia vaccine clinic like the flue clinic offered to high risk in-

5. Were you aware the town nurse holds blood pressure clinics monthly?

6. Did you know the Health Department offers blood sugar testing for a nominal fee?

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7. What types of programs would you like to see

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Medical West Associates Sponsoring "Healthy 2000 For Kids" Contest

Medical West Associates has announced "Healthy 2000 for Kids" - a contest in creativity for kids, ages three through 18, who live in the greater Springfield area. Submissions are being accepted now through May 30th for pictures/illustrations that show healthy lifestyles for children in the year 2000.

First and second prize winners will be awarded in three age groups: three through seven, eight through 12, and 13 through 18 years-old. First prize for each group is a \$50 check; second prize is a stuffed teddy bear. All submissions will be on view at the Agawam Health Center in July and August. Winners will be notified, and prizes will be awarded at Medical West Associate's June 5th health fair in Chicopee, "Spring into Good Health."

Winners of the contest will be judged on

originality and care in delivering their message. Pictures may be no smaller than 8"x10" or larger than 16"x20". Areas of fucus may be any of the following:

safety - home environment, personal, bike, other sports, street, etc.

· environment - clean air, water, recycling,

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• personal health - nutrition, exercise, checkups, immunizations, and so on.

Pictures may be submitted to Medical West's Pediatric Department at its health center in Agawam. Or you can mail the picture to Dave Lampron, Medical West Associates, 444 Montgomery Street, Chicopee, MA 01020. Paper is also available the same location for anyone who needs it.

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Food Thought

by Nancy Dell Registered Dietician

"GARLIC: Benefits Beyond the Basic"

Garlic dates back to ancient civilizations, including Egypt, Greece, and Rome, as a treatment of disease and for maintenance of health. It was also thought of as a "performance enhancing" agent and was given to Olympic athletes in Greece before competition. In biblical times, garlic was used as currency and as a food preservative in ancient China and Japan.

Interest in the potential benefits of garlic has not diminished over thousands of years, and modern scientific research is largely confirming many of the beliefs of ancient medicine. Current research is defining garlic's potential role in disease risk reduction and treatment.

A wide variety of components in garlic work synergistically to provide many possible health benefits. The compounds in garlic attributed to some of these benefits are collectively called allyl sulfur compounds are all water-soluble and

sulfur-containing.

Bejamin Lau, M.D. Ph.D., professor of immunology and microbiology, School of Medicine, Loma Linda University, presented findings from published research at a fall 1998 conference, "Recent Advances on the Nutritional Benefits Accompanying the Use of Garlic as a Supplement." His research showed that several garlic compounds can effectively suppress the harmful effects of LDL ("bad") cholesterol oxidation.

It has been known for decades that high blood cholesterol contributes to heart attacks and strokes and that lowering blood cholesterol, especially LDL cholesterol, can significantly reduce that risk for these diseases. Furthermore, it has been recognized over the years that the true culprit in heart attacks and strokes is the oxidized LDL cholesterol.

Studies where human volunteers took garlic tablets demonstrated an increased resistance of LDL to oxidation. Additional research by Manfred Steiner, M.D., Ph.D., professor of medicine, East Carolina University School of Medicine, found that aged garlic extracts given over extended periods of time to normal men with high blood

cholesterol levels reduced their LDL cholesterol by five to seven percent. A reduction in blood pressure of comparable measure who also noted

in these individuals.

Garlic's allyl sulfur compounds have been indicated through epidemiological and laborabory research to effectiely block a number of chemically induced tumors. Researchers at Pennsylvania State University have shown that microwave heating or roasting garlic can decrease or destroy this anti-cancer activity. If the herb is chopped or crushed and allowed to stand for at 10 minutes before cooking, the beneficial effects are undisturbed.

Although garlic has been extensively studied for decades, not all of its active components are known. Additional research is needed to further identify garlic's health benefits and determine how specific compounds in garlic interact with each other, as well as with other foods. While the overall benefits of any food depend

on a person's entire diet, the concept of foods providing specific health benefits or reducing the risk of disease is substantial and will not likely disap-

pear anytime soon.

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Support Groups And Programs Offered At Noble Hospital In Westfield

SUPPORT GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous: Sunday evenings, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield.
Free of charge. All are welcome.

Stroke Support Group: Wednesdays, April 14th and 28th, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. In the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room at Noble

Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from a stroke, spouses, caregivers, and other interested persons.

Diabetes: Tuesday, April 27th, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals who have diabetes and their support persons.

Better Breathers: Wednesday, April 14th, 2:00
p.m. In the Third Floor Cardiopulmonary

Classroom at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals with respiratory or pulmonary difficulties and their support persons.

Thomas A. Tremblay, R.R.T., C.P.F.T., will present "Exercise for the Patient with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease." Please call

572-5081 with any questions. COURSES/PROGRAMS/CLINICS

Free Athletic Injury Clinic: Thursdays, April 15th and 29th, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. At Noble Hospital's Sports and Rehabilitation Center, 76 Main Street, Westfield.

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For an appointment, call 562-3522.

Cosmetic/Plastic Surgery with Dr. Gary Russolillo: Tuesday, April 20th, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. In Conference Room B at Noble Hospital.

Gary Russolillo, M.D., will present a lecture about Body Contouring, Surgeries, Lip Enhancements, Facial Surgeries, and Skin Care Procedures. Also included will be a live chemical peel demonstration.

Pre-registration is required. To register, call No-ble Hospital's HEALTHBEAT at (413) 568-2328.

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everyone and that's OK. On any given topic, no single column in intended to be the last word, but rather understood in an overall context.

Over time, I hope to be able to exchange many of the valuable ideas the family therapy field has to offer as we talk about what we all so dearly value, our relationships. This column gives systemic voice and perspective to advance a goal of mine that consumers be valued for where they've come from, who they are, as well as valued for who they are trying to become as connected members of family systems.

In the meantime, please e-mail or write me with your feedback, relationship questions, and topics and "Let's Talk About It."

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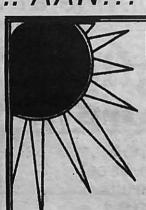
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Aries (March 21st to April 19th): It's time to get out into the limelight this week, Aries. You are the knight/knave in shining armor; the hero of all mythic epics. Take your bows and bask in the accolades.

Taurus (April 20th to May 20th): This week, Taurus, will be like a game of musical chairs. Now is the time to use your ability to be versatile and

adaptable.

adaptable.

Gemini (May 21st to June 20th): You know how sometimes people accuse you of being aloof and flighty? Well, this week, Gemini, those Mercurygiven traits of your sign will help you through some otherwise tough going.

Cancer (June 21st to July 22nd): The saying, "Be careful what you wish for because you just might get it," should be your mantra this week, Cancer. Before making major decisions, make sure you have all the facts.

Leo (July 23rd to Aug. 22nd): Maybe it's the bloom of all those spring flowers, but you feel

bloom of all those spring flowers, but you feel vibrant and alive this week, Leo. This could be a good time to toss some seeds to the wind and see what pops up.

Virgo (Aug. 23rd to Sept. 22nd): Philosophers have been doing it for eons - contemplating the origin and meaning of life. This would be a good week, Virgo, to emulate Aristotle and figure out what gives your life the most meaning. Then go do

Libra (Sept. 23rd to Oct. 22nd): "Mirror, mirror on the wall..." Yes, Libra! This week, you are the fairest of all and if you stop worrying about how long your good luck will last, you'll enjoy it more. Scorpio (Oct. 23rd to Nov. 21st): This week,

Scorpio, is a good time to be true to yourself. Pay attention to your own intuitions. And, don't pay attention to the barbs others may fling at you.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22nd to Dec. 21st): This is a

good week for all matters of the heart, Sagittarius, so don't let your head get in the way. Leave your idealistic zealotry on the table and explore your human emotions.

Capricorn (Dec. 22nd to Jan 19th): If you lived in a different place, Capricorn, you may have grown up to be a snake-charmer. This is the effect you will have on everything you undertake this week. Who says you can't have your cake and eat it, too?

Aquarius (Jan. 20th to Feb. 18th): This is no

week, Aquarius, to decide to be a mover and shaker of good causes. Remember Don Quixote and windmills? It's good to be cogent, but it's better when you and in a direction.

Pisces (Feb. 19th to March 20th): If you don't have gymnastic training, this could be a challenging week, Pisces. Then again, you could use your mental agility to create an opportunity where none seems to exist

(Editor's note: Dale Platenik of Holyoke has been an astrologer for 19 years, has taught it and related subjects, and works as a counselor in the field. She does individual Astrology charts based on the time, place, and date of birth. Charts can be natal, progressed, for couple's comparison, or used for business. She can be reached at 539-5934.)

Young At Heart **Chorus Coming To** The Middle School

The Young At Heart Chorus is returning for its third performance for the Agawam Cultural Council on Friday, April 9th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Agawam Middle School auditorium.

The Chorus is a unique senior citizen performance group whose members range from 65 years young to 93 years. They have become famous for their interpretations of the music of the 20th century.

One Boston Globe reviewer stated that "they're hip, they're hot, they're happening!" Zany impersonations, instrumental improvisations, and audience participation are always key elements in the Young At Heart show.

The members of the group have become international stars since first appearing at an international arts festival in Holland. They were received with open arms and sold-out shows and were ask-ed to return. In 1998, a three-week tour of Holland and Belgium brought more rave reviews. Their enthusiasm and lust for life make their performances enjoyable for all ages.

The performance is free and is part of the First Friday Series sponsored by the Agawam Cultural Council and the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Parking is available in the back of the school. For further information, call 786-1859.

Activities & Events At The Agawam **Public Library**

The Agawam Library invites Agawam and Feeding Hills families to share in celebrating National Library Week (April 12th to April 17th).

Renowned storyteller Tom McCabe will appear in person on Wednesday evening, April 14th at 6:30 p.m. His presentation, "Reading, Writing, and Storytelling at Home," will offer fun and laughter for everyone in the family aged four and up, as well as for all adults interested in the art of storytelling. storytelling.

Tom has been traveling throughout New England for many years with his unique and ribtickling tales, and promises a lively evening for

Register in person, or call the library at 789-1550 to reserve space for your family.

A puppet show on Saturday, April 17th at 2:00 p.m. will offer an original adaptation of the "JUST SO STORIES" by Rudyard Kipling. This program, presented by the Robert Rogers Puppet Company, will entertain family members of the library of the library to company of the library three years to senior citizens, in the library's Com-

Please register by phone or in person.

Westfield Theatre Group's "CAMELOT" Opens This Friday Evening, April 9th

The Westfield Theatre Group, a department of the Westfield Woman's Club, presents its 1999 spring musical, "CAMELOT," with book and lyrics by Alan Jay Lerner and music by Frederick Loewe. The show is being directed by Bob Laviolette with David Kidwell as musical director. This does not be the state worked together in Westfield putting and the state worked together in Westfield putting and the state worked together in Westfield.

last worked together in Westfield, putting on 'EVITA" to rave reviews.

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This well-known musical brings back to the Westfield stage Ed Carey in the lead of King Arthur. He was last seen in Westfield as Che in "EVITA." Guenevere will be portrayed by Louise Krieger, a newcomer to the WTG stage, but certainly a veteran performer in the area.

Lancelot will be played by John Chartier, also a first-time performer on the WTG stage. The three lead knights include Tom LeCourt as Sir Lionel,

Andy Banas as Sir Sagramore, and Jim O'Connor

Merlin is portrayed by Don Humason, with Dick Hamel as King Pellinore. James Brower makes his

10th, 16th, 17th, 23th, and 24th, all at 8:00 p.m.
There are matinees on April 17th and 24th at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12.50 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors. The box office is open Monday through Thursday evenings between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. However, reservations may be made by calling the theatre at 572-6838.

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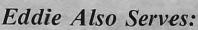
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Agawam Native In St. Martha's "The King And I"

Agawam native Moonyean Field is portraying the featured role of Lady Thiang in the upcoming St. Martha Players Cabaret Theater production,

The King and I.

Field first felt the bite of the "theater bug" in grade seven at Agawam Junior High. Since that time, she has performed with Agawam High School, the University of Massachusetts, the Encore Players, the Holyoke Community College Players, and the Exit 7 Players. She currently holds the record for working on the most St. Martha Players productions, both as an actor and costumer. Field works as a rehabilitation counselor and drama club advisor at Chicopee Comprehensive High School.

The King and I is being directed by Allie Brook of Hartford, who last appeared as Nancy in St. Martha's production of Oliver. Allie, who is originally from England, has an extensive theatrical background. Westfield's Karen Ducharme is serv-

ing as the musical director.

Karen's musical expertise has been shared with many area theater groups, from the Encore Players to the Westfield Theater group. The production is being choreographed by well-known dance instructor and director/choreographer David Potter.

David, who resides in Springfield, is the director of Callboard Theater, and owner/director of David Potter's Dance Studio in Enfield. Potter's Callboard Theater produced several productions which were performed at the Academy of Music in Northampton. The show's costumer is Greg Trochlil of Chimera Costume & Scenic Services of West Springfield.

Rodgers and Hammerstein's The King and I is a classic tale of east meets west. The King of Siam brings Anna, an Englishwoman, to his country to tutor his many children in the ways of the western world. The show is best known for such memorable musical numbers as "Hello, Young Lovers," "Shall We Dance," "Whistle A Happy Tune," "Getting To Know You," "We Kiss In The Shadows," and "I Have Dreamed." Performances of this classical musical are April 16th, 17th, 23rd, 24th, 30th, and May 1st, 7th, and 8th at 8:00 p.m. The Players' theater space is

and 8th at 8:00 p.m. The Players' theater space is located in Goulet Hall at the St. Martha School on Brainard Road in Enfield. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and children under 12. Reservations may be made by calling (860)

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Agawam Area Students Cast In Orpheus Descending At Holyoke Comm. College

Three Agawam area students have been cast in Tennessee Williams' Orpheus Descending, to be presented April 21st through April 25th in Holyoke Community College's Leslie Phillips Forum.

Lindalee Davis and Jason Bland of Agawam, and Jeff Tingley of Feeding Hills will perform in the HCC Drama Club production.

Both the free preview on April 21st and the April 25th matinee will be held at 2:30 p.m. All other shows will be held at 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$5 for the general public, and \$3 for students. HCC students, faculty, and staff will be admitted free. Orpheus Descending is Williams' tragic tale of Lady, who is haunted by desperate loneliness borne from the loss of her one true love and the death of her father when she was a tenagger. Now

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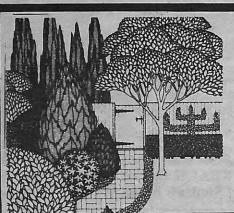
in her forties, Lady is trapped in a loveless marriage, her joy and passion wilting in the oppressive heat of the small southern town in which

With the help of the mysterious younger man, Val, Lady attempts to flee her demons, with consequences that ignite the hateful passions of an entire town. Williams himself considered *Orpheus Descending* his greatest triumph.

This production is being directed by Jeanne Hatch and Pat Sandoval. Hatch will be retiring at the end of the school year after teaching at the college for the past 30 years.

For more information and ticket reservations, call the HCC Box Office at (413) 552-2528.

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AHS's Calendar Of April Events

April 9th: Social Studies Department delegation to Boston for STUDENT GOVERNMENT DAY

April 10th: FRIDAY DISCUSSION sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program.

April 10th-11th: PERCUSSION AND COLOR GUARD INDOOR FINALS - Salem, MA

April 12th-16th: CULINARY ARTS WEEK

-presentations by culinary colleges; ALCOHOL & DRUG AWARENESS WEEK - sponsored by PEER LEADERSHIP & SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM (MOCK ACCIDENT, MOCK WAKE, GRIM REAPER, INFORMATION BOOTHS OUTSIDE CAFETERIA); VIP AWARDS sponsored by RENAISSANCE

April 12th: Latin I/II classes to UMASS for

CLASSICS DAY

April 13th: Perfect Attendance Breakfast sponsored by RENAISSANCE and hosted by the Agawam Chamber of Commerce; DON QUIXOTE -upper level Spanish classes; SPRING OLYMPICS sponsored by OSA and NHS seventh period

April 14th: MOCK ACCIDENT - PERIODS 4 & 5

Agawam Police & Agawam Fire Rescue sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program & Peer Leadership; MADD presentation PERIODS 3 & 4 AHS library sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program; FATAL VI-SION - health classes sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program; MOCK WAKE-periods 6 & 7 sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program & Peer Leadership; Math Club meeting; FAMILY RESOURCE/ALA-TEEN MEETING sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention program; Intergenerational Poetry Group meeting in room 38, 1:50 p.m.-2:40

April 15th: AHS School Improvement Council

meeting, 7:00 p.m.

April 15th-19th: Band & Jazz Choir trip to Virginia Beach, Virginia

April 16th: FRIDAY DISCUSSION sponsored by

the Substance Abuse Prevention Program
April 23rd: AHS Junior-Senior Prom "Remember
Me This Way" Chez Josef
April 26th-30th: MCAS TESTING - Sophomore
Class; SHAKESPEARE WEEK - sponsored by the

English Department

"CLASSICAL KIDS" concert in AHS auditorium, 7:00 p.m. (AJHS Chorus with AHS Chamber group) April 26th-30th: Winter Sports Ice Cream Social

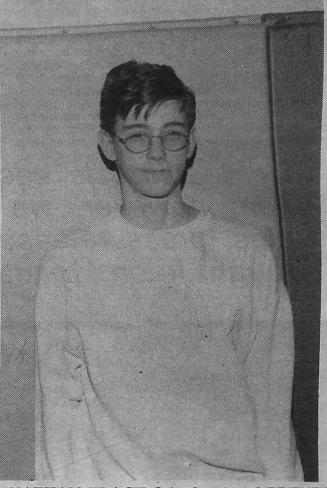
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April 28th: Math Club meeting; Intergenerational Poetry Group meeting in room 38, 1:50 p.m.-2:40 p.m.; VOTER REGISTRATION DAY to help AHS seniors be aware of their voting rights/responsibilities sponsored by the Social Studies Department; FAMILY/RESOURCE/ALATEEN MEETING sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program

April 29th: EARTH DAY FAIR periods 2-4, spon-

April 30th: SHAKESPEARE ASSEMBLY - period auditorium; FRIDAY DISCUSSION sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program

Congratulations To These Art Students...





NATHAN KRACH (left photo) and BRENTON REVERUZZI (right photo) were recently named "Art Students of the Month" at Agawam Junior High School, Advertiser News photos by Jack

Middle School PTO Is Preparing To **Elect New Officers**

Attention all fourth- and fifth-grade parents! The Middle School PTO is getting ready to elect new officers for the 1999-2000 school year. If you are interested in becoming an officer, please fill out the form you will be receiving soon and send it

If you have any questions, please come to our next meeting on Monday, April 12th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle School cafeteria. In addition, please join us on election night — Monday, May 10th.

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W. Spfld. Boys And Girls Club Offers **April Vacation Prog.**

The West Springfield Boys and Girls Club is now accepting registrations for the April vacation program to be held Monday, April 19th through

Friday, April 23rd. Hours for the program are 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Cost for full-paid members is \$40 per child; nonmembers, \$50 per child.

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Some "Liquid" For Thought

by Judy Cohen
Agawam High School Guidance Counselor

I know, I know — it's supposed to be "food" for thought, but that doesn't work so I took some poetic license. You see, I saw this quotation that I really like that I wish to share with you and com-

"People are like tea bags. They don't know their own strength until they get into hot water."

Think about that quotation. It rings true in just about every facet of life. When you think about sports, conjure up yourself or one of your children

on the baseball diamond.

There are two outs. Bases are loaded, and you or your child is up to bat. What to do? Do you pull the ball, do you go for a homer, do you hit away? What kind of pitch will you receive? Yup, you're in hot water, but you don't fold; you focus, rise to the occasion, and (wonder of wonders) your hit wins

Let's take a look at Joan. She is forlorn. Not doing well in her subjects, she enters my office looking very dejected. Why should she even bother? Where should she even begin? It would be so much easier, she thinks, to just give up, let everything slide, fail, and begin again in the fall.

Right? No, wrong.

As I explained to Joan, now is the time to really show her mettle. When the going gets tough, the tough get going and decide to really dig in. Well, Joan and I sat together, discussed ways to deal with her company everywhelming problem, and with her seemingly overwhelming problem, and

mapped out a plan.

As the weeks ensued and Joan worked harder, she began to see improvement. This gave her the impetus to work even harder and do even better. Right now, all her grades are up and we are both hopeful that she will pass the year.

What about the youngster who cheats on a test? The teacher catches him, rips up the exam,

and rightfully gives the kid a zero. Clearly, the student is in hot water. What to do?

Naturally, I hear about the happening from the teacher. I call Stanley in. He is agitated, hates the teacher, and yells that things are unfair. Once I get him to calm down, I make him see the error of

his ways and take ownership of the problem. He is the one who cheated. He is the one who caused

his own misfortune.

Together, we talk to the teacher. Stanley apologizes. In his case, he is lucky; the teacher accepts the apology and lets Stan do some other work for some credit. From the hot water he had gotten into, Stan has learned some important lessons. Honesty is the best policy; one needs to take ownership of his mistakes ... one has to show

strength of character and apologize.

I still remember when Matt got into hot water.
He applied to colleges without really discussing with his parents what they could afford. Well, you guessed it. He was accepted to the schools, but the financial aid packages he received did not make attending the schools a possibility. Or did

Matt talked to me. He was in hot water. What could he do? He wanted to go to one of these schools. Since his parents did not have the resources to help him, we considered other op-

Matt decided he could work during the summer, do two jobs, and earn enough money for one year. Then, he would take on the next year. I heard from him at the end of the summer. Clearly, he sounded exhausted, but excited as well. He had done it!

He could finance his first year, and with work-study and an additional job, he would have enough spending money for books and other ex-penses. He shared with me that initially he penses. He shared with me that initially he thought he could never make it happen, yet through adversity, he developed strength and

renewed focus.

All of these happenings took place because people found themselves in hot water. Not waiting around to be scalded, people found inner strength to change their situation, to make unfortunate circumstances into positive ones. If they had not been tested through adversity, they never would have realized what they were capable of accomplishing.

Like the tea bag, when they found themselves immersed in hot water, they became stronger.

KERRY ST. LAURENT

At Agawam High School... Kerry St. Laurent Is Latest 'Art Student Of The Month'

Kerry St. Laurent of Feeding Hills, daughter of Dennis and Susan St. Laurent, is Agawam High School's "Art Student of the Month" for April.

She was captain of this year's ski team, is the editor of the school's literary magazine, and has interests in skiing, painting, rock climbing, music, and in-line skating.

Kerry will graduate with the class of 2000 and plans on studying art education in college.

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Thursday, April 15th: Diced chicken meat with gravy on whipped potatoes, seasoned peas and carrots, wheat bread and butter, chocolate oat bar, milk.

Friday, April 16th: Baked macaroni with cheddar cheese sauce, seasoned green beans, dinner roll with butter, apple-

sauce, ice cream cup, milk.

(Tickets may be purchased on Monday in the elementary schools for the week. Meal price is \$1.10 daily. If paying by check, make check out to "Agawam School Lunch.")

Carrie Lock Named To Dean's List At Johnson & Wales

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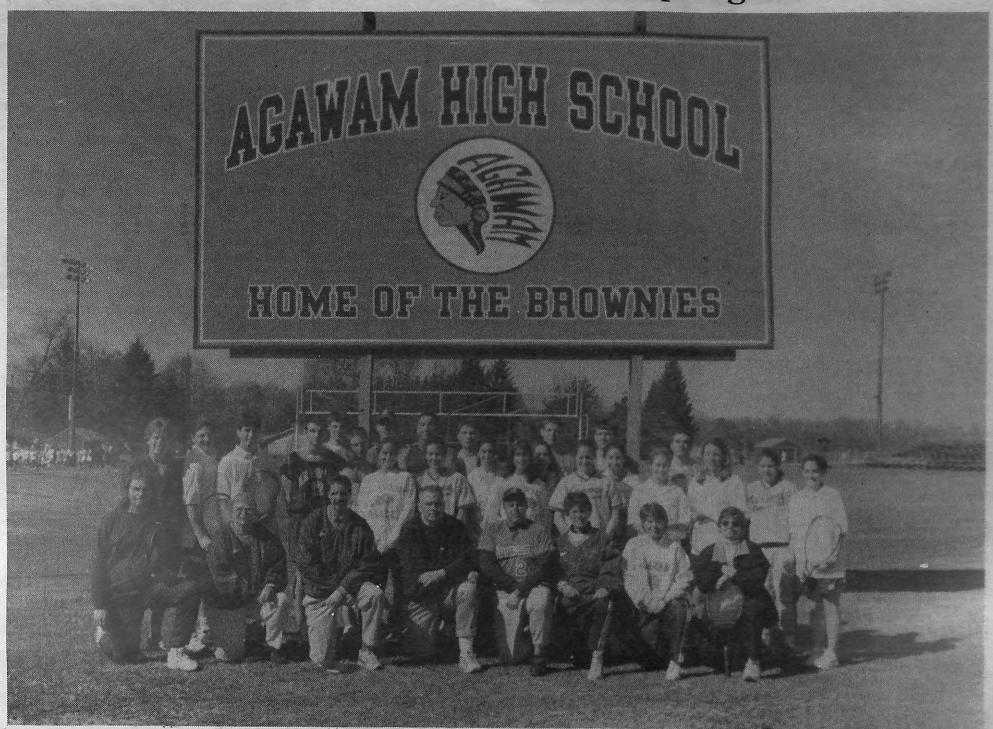
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The Brownies Are Ready For Spring 1999



THE COACHES AND TEAM CAPTAINS of Agawam High School's spring athletic teams are eager to face the competition this season. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Schoolboy Lacrosse...

In Spite Of A Haphazard Performance, Brownies Defeat East Longmeadow, 5-2

by Dave Rollins Sports Editor

The Agawam High boys' lacrosse team won its first game of the year Tuesday afternoon, 5-2 over East Longmeadow High.

While it will go down in the books that way, according to Brownie lacrosse Coach Nick St. George, "It was the worst game we've played in two years."

Perhaps he had a point. Throughout the battle, the Brownies seemed to have a multitude of chances. They either misfired, missed the cutter, or did other things that can make a coach reach for the Maalox.

The Spartans started this one out with a big

rush on the Brownie net, attacking from out front with their midfielders doing the bulk of the work. Agawam had a different strategy. When the Brownies busted into the ELM zone, they went to work behind the enemy net, with juniors Dave Moore, Shawn Gloster, and sophomore Mike Tercyak looking to dish to anyone loose in the crease (or if no one was open, take it in themselves).

Three minutes later into the first quarter, it almost paid off. Gloster, from his right attack position, drove in on the Spartan net and launched from 15 feet out. It was a sure score but he ended up hitting the right post. Gloster did serve

notice on the play, though, that the Brownies could penetrate from the wings.

Brownies Disrupt Spartan Momentum
Early on, the Agawam defense, led by Jim
Evans, Joe Lancour, and Matt Poirier, picked up
the Spartan midfielders early in their rush and

disrupted their momentum.

The first quarter ended in a bagel. Agawam had two shots on net. East Longmeadow checked in with five.

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BOYS' LACROSSE - from Page 38...

A minute into the second quarter, senior Glenn Corlett drove the right side and shot from 20 feet out, beating Spartan keeper Mike Bareiss and putting Agawam up, 1-0.

After some good defense, the Brownies went on the attack again four minutes in, again patiently working from behind the Spartan net. Sophomore attacker Tim Corlett took a pass on the left wing, bulled his way into the crease, and slammed the ball home from five feet out, giving the hosts a 2-0

EL got its first score with 1:15 left in the half. It was set up after Brownie keeper (sophomore) John DeCaro made an outstanding saved. But, the rebound was gobbled up by a Spartan (Joe Barkson), who rammed it home, cutting the Brownie lead to 2-1.

Agawam wasn't done. Dave Moore would get the first of his two scores with 24 seconds left on a six-foot spike in the crease. The half would end, 3-1, Brownies. The second quarter saw Agawam pick up its shot production with six. The Spartans, bothered by the Agawam slow-down game, had two shots on goal.

Both teams came out in a defensive mode to start the third quarter. The Brownies' Brian Gilhooly, Kevin Grealis, and Eric Pedersen were doubling the shooters, once again disrupting the flow of the Spartan offense. Neither team could score. It was 3-1, Agawam, heading into the final quarter. Agawam had two shots and East Longmeadow had three shots on net in the third.

Frustrating Spartans Get Sloppy

The Brownies scored early in the fourth quarter.

Moore, from his spot behind the net, came around the left corner, slashed into the crease, and drove the ball home with 2:20 gone. Agawam now led 4-1. Those numbers were frustrating the Spartans

and they began to get sloppy, which led to

On more than one occasion, the visitors found themselves a man short in their defensive zone. The pressure was too much for the Spartans (a first-year lacrosse program) and they buckled with 3:20 left in the game as Mike Tercyak scored from 20 feet out on the left point to put Agawam up, 5-1.

The Spartans did manage a score with 1:30 to go. But, it was too little, too late. The Brownie win sees their record even up at 1-1. The Spartans are 0-1. Agawam had six fourth-quarter shots on net for a game total of 16. ELM had two for a total of

St. George, elaborating on his frustration at the play of his team, had this to add: "We lost 9-8 to Northampton, one of the best teams in Western Mass. by a goal with seconds left. We should have done much better in this one."

Then he went on to discuss his take on this year's team, which is in its third season of varsity competition. "We're young, but we have a lot of quality players at every position." He feels they have a good chance to compete for the Valley Wheel title.

Their strongest asset is defense. "We have four juniors on the defensive side who could start for anyone in Western Mass.," the coach noted. He also noted that sophomore goalie John DeCaro is on the threshold of a fine career. "John is an excellent athlete, quick, with good hands," the

Offensively, AHS has some weapons, including Tercyak and captains Glenn Corlett and Dan Balbony. Both seniors, according to the coach, are team leaders. "As we spend more time fine-tuning the offense, things should get better," he said. "We can pass and catch the ball. That's why we play from behind the net. Those skills lead to victories over the course of the season."

Boys' Volleyball...

AHS Gets The Better Of Belchertown

by Dave Rollins Sports Editor

The fledgling boys' volleyball team at Agawam High got off to a positive start Monday, April 5th, with a 15-2, 15-7 win against visiting Belchertown. In his first-ever varsity match, it was a thrill for Coach Pat Demers, who is trying to build the boys' and girls' programs at AHS. "They might be young and inexperienced, but I think the talent is there." The coach singled out her starting six - Dave and Mike Thomas, Brad Theriaque, Wesley Scott, Joe Maynard, and Ondrej Lukes, an American Intercultural Program (AFS) exchange student. "They played well together," Demers said. This year, the kids will have to first learn the skills of the game before they can move on to the next level, according to the coach. "Once they

next level, according to the coach. "Once they learn those skills, the rules of the game, and get some confidence, they'll be ready for that next level," she noted.

The coach admitted those skills are slowly emerging. "They all want to be big spikers. But, you can't do that until you can set up that kind of shot. You can't be effective on the serve if it's a rocket, but hits your side of the net. One strong

point is that they get along well."

The junior varsity also won, taking two out of three games.

Baseball Vs Longmeadow ...

By Agawam Parks And Recreation

The Agawam Parks and Recreation Department Office is located at Agawam High School, 760 Cooper Street (right driveway, rear entrance). Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The telephone number is 821-0514.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Cancellations and postponements will be announced on the Recreation Department recording, 821-0514. The department reserves the right to set a maximum for each program and to cancel any program due to insufficient registration.

No unregistered person may attend a program at any time. Children must be of correct age

before the program begins.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration for all camps is scheduled for Saturday, April 24th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Agawam Junior High School cafeteria. After the initial camp registration date, registration will be held at the Recreation Department Office, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

p.m. Registration for all recreation programs is limited and is offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration will not be accepted before the initial registration date, and phone registrations will not be accepted.

All fees are required at the time of registration and are made payable to the Town of Agawam. A parent's or legal guardian's signature is required for all children's programs.

PIRANHAS SWIM TEAM

The Agawam Recreation Department sponsors a competitive swim team for children ages five through 18. The summer session begins May 10th

at the Agawam Junior High School Pool.
Registration will be held in the Recreation Office, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., beginning May 3rd.

YOUTH TRACK PROGRAM

Participants will learn the fundamentals of track and field. The program is open to children ages seven through 14 and will meet at the Agawam High School track on Sunday afternoons beginning April 25th.

Registration is now being accepted at the Recreation Office. Fee: \$25 for six weeks. Instruc-

tor: Dan Pryce.

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Brownies Begin Season With 3-0 Win Over Lancers

by Dave Rollins Sports Editor

"Defense is what we're looking for and we got it today," Agawam High baseball Coach Pete Clark smiled Monday after his Brownies opened the 1999 season with a snappy 3-0 win at Longmeadow. The defense made no errors; junior Brian St. Jean hurled a one-hitter; and while the offense wasn't overpowering, all six hits, including a homerun by Mike Carney, were enough. Longmeadow's only hit was an infield bleeder

in the fourth. That was also the inning where Agawam got its first run - Carney's homer, on the rope over the third-base bag that fooled the Lancer leftfielder.

Agawam's other runs came on an RBI single in the fifth off the bat of Brownie second baseman Dave Federico and one in the seventh on a single by Brian Chechile.

Scott Harlin and Chechile had stolen bases for

Clark remarked that the kids could have been a little more relaxed. "But, they're young. We really only have two seniors with any experience, Federico and Kevin Mattson, but he's injured."

Agawam's next game will be Saturday at 1:00 p.m. at Honor Smith Field against Southwick.

Federico will pitch in that one.

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THE AGAWAM HIGH 1999 SOFTBALL TEAM. IN LEFT PHOTO: Captain Dianna DiStefano. Coach Debbie Lickley, and captains Lindsay Mason and Jessica Montagna. IN RIGHT PHOTO: back row - Coach Debbie Lickley, Keegan Clark, Tiffany Scaife, Alison Pisano, Dianna DiStefano, Caitlyn Conte, Jen Lyman, Tiffany Blackman, Jill Gendron, and Amanda Merola; front row - manager Debbie Boissonneault, Alison Jackobek, Lindsay Mason, Jessica Montagna, Kornelia Moysis, Erin Rescigno, and manager Terri Cimma. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Coaches' Baseball **Mini-Camp Slated** For April 19th-21st

The Coaches' Baseball Camp will run a Mini-Camp at Sacred Heart Church from April 19th through April 21st. The time of the camp is 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

This camp is for players between the ages of eight and 13, and it will cover the basic skills needed for all players during the upcoming season.

The cost of the camp is \$45, and registration will be held at the Sacred Heart fields on the morning of April 19th at 8:30 a.m. In case of inclement weather, the opening will be held on the following

day. For more information, contact Brian Rheault at 789-4792.

Longmeadow And Chicopee Fall To Brownies...

AHS Girls' Softball Proves That It Is Again A Force To Be Reckoned With

by Dave Rollins Sports Editor

The softball season may just be dawning, but Agawam High is showing the same form which made it last year's Western Mass. Division I cham-

In their first game behind ace Ali Jackobek, they wiped-out Longmeadow, 17-1. On Monday afternoon, they kept up the run production with an easy 9-1 win against Chicopee.

"Actually, it was a tougher game than it looked," Coach Deb Lickley said. "Their pitcher, Meghan Peters, threw hard. She is just a

sophomore. And they have a new coach. They're

Agawam had only three hits. But, they were timely ones. Jen Lyman had a two-run single in Agawam four-run first inning. Catcher Dianna DiStefano had a single that drove in three.

Mason, who grabbed her first win of the year, whiffed 10 and walked two. Junior Jill Gendron, at shortstop and under the part-time tutelage of former star Kristen Patterson, played well.

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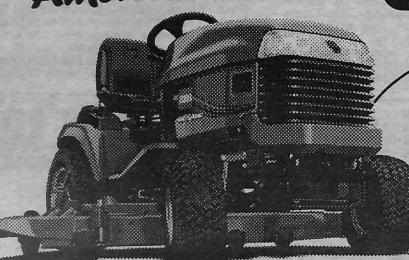
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Agawam Tigers Take U14 Girls' Soccer Title

The Agawam Tigers captured the third session indoor U14 girls' soccer league championship with a thrilling 4-3 victory over the Pioneer Valley

Select team on Monday evening, April 5th, at the All-Sports Soccer Complex in Northampton.

The win captured a perfect 8-0 indoor session for the Tigers in the nine-team league. The Tigers were led by two goals from defender Ellen Ran-

were led by two goals from defender Ellen Rannenberg, a goal and an assist from forward Kaitlin Sardella, and a singleton by forward Aimee Beaudette. Three of the four Tiger goals were attributed to direct kicks on the PVS net.

The game was intense from start to finish as both teams took turns applying heavy pressure on the opposing goal. PVS ignited from the gate fast and put Tiger goalie Sherri Laskowski under seige, forcing Sherri and her teammates to play defense, especially in the first 15 minutes. During that time, PVS struck for a pair of goals to seemingly enter the intermission with a two-goal edge.

However, the game changed dramatically with under a minute left in the first half when Kaitlin Sardella's long-distance direct kick bounced high off the wall to the left of the PVS goalie, and danced untouched through several players and onto the foot of Aimee Beaudette, who tapped the ball into the net to cut the lead to 2-1.

into the net to cut the lead to 2-1.

The momentum change was evident over the first 15 minutes of the second half when Tiger forward Danielle Cirillo and Meaghan Brown helped pin PVS in its own end time and again. Kaitlin Sardella knotted things at 2-2, three minutes in, off a semi-breakaway. Ellen Rannenberg then completely turned the game to the Tigers' favor when she scored on consecutive direct kicks. Both came from just inside the center of the field. Both were bullets that sailed high into the net. The PVS goalie kept the Tigers off the board again when she stopped several labeled shots, including one by Danielle Cirillo from right out front, and another on Kaitlin Sardella's semi-breakaway

With time running out, PVS threw caution to the wind and began moving everyone into striking range in an attempt to mount a late comeback. This is where Sherri Kaskowski took over. She



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM TIGERS, which won the U14 girls' soccer league championship on Monday evening, April 5th, in Northampton.

made several spectacular saves, including one from five feet out, where she shot out her leg and deflected a wicked blast wide. PVS scored its third goal when Agawam's Sarah Skolnick knocked the ball in following a melee in front of the net with just three minutes remaining. The Tigers then managed to stave off the PVS attack and hold on for the hard-earned victory.

Defender Tricia Fitchben, who enjoyed an outstanding third session for the Tigers, had a

strong game as did fellow backliners Ellen Ran-

nenberg and Kim Hoague. Meghan Hoague. Meghan Brown gave a solid ef-fort in the middle and forwards Danielle Cirillo and Kaitlin Sardella continued their strong play

by creating scoring opportunities and applying pressure in the offensive zone. The Tigers also received good efforts both in this game and in others from Nicole Gendreau, Jennifer Sharpe, Whitney Brown, and Victoria Ruhl.

For PVS, coached by Agawam's Scott Skolnick, defender Laura Peterson of Agawam played very strong. Agawam is also represented on PVS by Megan Kelly and Ashley Smith.

Head coach for the Tigers is Ed Brown. He is assisted by Frank Fitchben.

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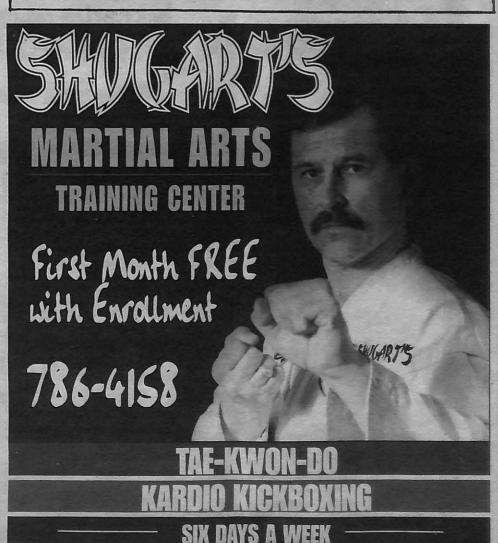
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FRESHMAN BOYS' BASEBALL Coach: Paul Bachini

April 12th: Away, Minnechaug. April 14th: Home, Chicopee. April 14th: Home, Chicopee.
April 16th: Home, South Hadley, 4:00.
April 20th: Away, Westfield.
April 28th: Away, East Longmeadow.
May 3rd: Home, Ludlow.
May 5th: Away, Amherst, 4:00.
May 10th: Home, Chicopee Comp.
May 12th: Home, Cathedral.
May 14th: Away, Holyoke (Crosier).
May 17th: Away, Central.
May 21st: Away Chicopee Comp. (Du May 21st: Away, Chicopee Comp. (Dulchinos).
May 24th: Away, Cathedral (Nathan Bill).
May 26th: Home, Holyoke.

BOYS' BASEBALL Varsity Coach: Peter Clark

JV Coach: Chris Chechile
April 10th: Home, Southwick, 1:00.
April 12th: Home, Minnechaug.
April 14th: Away, Chicopee; V (Szot), JV (Lincoln April 16th: South Hadley, 4:00.
April 19th: Home, Westfield.
April 21st: Away, West Springfield.
April 23rd: Home, Pittsfield, 1:00.
April 26th: Home, Northampton.
April 28th: Home, Fast Longmondo April 26th: Home, Northampton.
April 28th: Home, East Longmeadow.
May 3rd: Away, Ludlow; V (Whitney), JV (HS).
May 5th: Home, Amherst, 4:00.
May 10th: Away, Chicopee Comp.; V (Dulchinos), JV (Ash).
May 12th: Away, Cathedral.
May 14th: Home, Holyoke.
May 17th: Home, Central.
May 21st: Home, Chicopee Comp.

May 21st: Home, Chicopee Comp.

May 24th: Home, Cathedral.

May 26th: Away, Holyoke, 5:30/7:00; V (McKenzie), JV (Crosier).

May 28th: Away, Central.

FRESHMAN SOFTBALL Coach: Al O'Quinn

Time: 3:30 April 9th: Home, South Hadley, 4:00. April 9th: Home, South Hadley, 4:00.
April 15th: Home, Central, 3:30.
April 19th: Away, Ludlow, 1:00 (Vet Park).
April 21st: Home, Westfield, 12:00.
April 26th: Home, Holyoke.
April 28th: Away, Sabis, 4:00.
May 3rd: Away, JFK/Enfield, 3:30.
May 6th: Away, Westfield.
May 10th: Home, Cathedral.
May 12th: Away, Westfield (Sadie Knox).
May 14th: Away, East Longmeadow (HS). May 14th: Away, East Longmeadow (HS).
May 19th: Home, Westfield. May 21st: Away, Cathedral (Nathan Bill). May 24th: Home, East Longmeadow.

SOFTBALL Coach: Debbie Lickley JV Coach: Lynda Kunasek

Time: 3:30 April 9th: Away, South Hadley, 4:00. April 15th: Away, Chicopee Comp.; V (HS), JV April 19th: Home, Ludlow, 1:00. April 23rd: Home, Northampton, 12:00. April 26th: Away, Holyoke; V (MacKenzie), JV

April 30th: Away, Minnechaug.
May 6th: Home, Westfield.
May 8th-9th: Away, Cape Cod Tournament.
May 10th: Away, Cathedral (Nathan Bill).
May 12th: Home, Amherst.
May 14th: Home, East Longmeadow.
May 17th: Away, West Springfield.
May 19th: Away, Westfield.
May 21st: Home, Cathedral.
May 24th: Away Amherst 5:00/6:30 May 24th: Away, Amherst, 5:00/6:30. May 28th: Home, West Springfield.

BOYS' LACROSSE

Coach: Nick St. George JV Coach: Dan Lancour
(Varsity games at Stadium. JV games at Jr. High.)
April 9th: Home, Amherst, 4:00.
April 13th: Home, Brattleboro, 4:30.
April 16th: Away, West Springfield.
April 19th: Away, Norwich Free Academy, 4:30.
April 21st: Home, Malden Catholic, 10:30.
April 23rd: Home, South Hadley, 11:00.
April 28th: Home, Longmeadow, 4:00.
April 30th: Away, East Longmeadow, 3:30.
May 4th: Home, West Springfield, 4:00.
May 7th: Away, Westfield, 4:00.
May 11th: Away, Northampton, 4:00.
May 14th: Away, Housatonic, 5:30.
May 18th: Away, South Hadley, 4:00. JV Coach: Dan Lancour

May 18th: Away, South Hadley, 4:00. May 21st: Away, Amherst, 5:30/7:00. May 28th: Home, Minnechaug, 4:00.

GIRLS' LACROSSE Coach: Cindy Grieve Asst. Coach: Katie Berry

Time: 3:30
April 16th: Away, South Hadley, 4:00.
April 20th: Away, Longmeadow.

April 20th: Away, Longmeadow.
April 22nd: Home, East Longmeadow, 1:00.
April 26th: Home, West Springfield.
April 28th: Away, MacDuffie.
April 30th: Away, Amherst.
May 4th: Away, Westfield.
May 6th: Home, Minnechaug.
May 11th: Away, Northampton.
May 18th: Home, South Hadley, 4:00.
May 21st: Home, Longmeadow.
May 25th: Away, East Longmeadow.
May 28th: Away, West Springfield.

BOYS' VOLLEYBALL Coach: Pat Demers

Time: 3:30

(Varsity only)
April 9th: Away, Central, 6:00/7:00. April 12th: Home, Ludlow. April 14th: Away, Commerce.
April 16th: Away, Sci-Tech, 4:00/500.
April 19th: Home, West Springfield.
April 21st: Away, East Longmeadow, 1:00.
April 23rd: Home, Putlam. April 23th: Home, Putnam.
April 26th: Away, Ludlow.
April 30th: Home, Sci-Tech, 4:15/5:15.
May 3rd: Away, Belchertown, 3:30.
May 5th: Away, Westfield.
May 7th: Home, Central, 3:30/4:30. May 12th: Home, Commerce.

May 14th: Home, East Longmeadow. May 17th: Away, West Springfield. May 21st: Away, Putnam.

BOYS' TENNIS Varsity Coach: Bill Spear

Time: 3:30

April 12th: Home, East Longmeadow.
April 15th: Away, Cathedral (Nathan Bill).
April 23rd: Away, South Hadley, 4:00.
April 26th: Home, Ludlow, 3:00.
April 30th: Away, Chicopee Comp. (High School).

May 3rd: Away, Chicopee (Szot).

May 5th: Home, Central.

May 7th: Home, Westfield.

May 10th: Home, Chicopee Comp. May 12th: Home, Chicopee.
May 14th: Away, Central.
May 18th: Away, Westfield.

GIRLS' TENNIS

Varsity Coach: Mary Wolochowicz Time: 3:30

April 12th: Away, East Longmeadow.
April 15th: Home, Cathedral.
April 23rd: Home, South Hadley, 4:00.
April 26th: Away, Ludlow, 3:00 (Whitney).
April 28th: Home, Palmer.
April 30th: Home, Chicopee Comp.
May 3rd: Home, Chicopee.
May 5th: Away, Central.
May 7th: Away, Westfield.
May 10th: Away, Westfield.
May 10th: Away, Chicopee Comp. (HS).
May 12th: Away, Chicopee (Szot).
May 14th: Home, Central. May 14th: Home, Central. May 18th: Home, Westfield. May 20th: Away, Palmer.

BOYS' TRACK Coach: Bill Dillon Asst. Coach: Joe Bianca Time: 3:30

Time: 3:30

April 14th: Home, Holyoke.
April 16th: Home, Minnechaug.
April 21st: Away, West Springfield.
April 27th: Away, Westfield.
April 28th: Away, Central.
May 5th: Home, Cathedral
May 11th: Home, Longmeadow, 4:00.
May 14th: Away, Sci-Tech, 4:00 (CHS).
May 19th Home, Chicopee Comp.
May 22nd: PVIAC Individuals (TBA).
May 29th: Western Mass. (TBA).
June 5th: States (TBA). June 5th: States (TBA).

GIRLS' TRACK Coach: Dean Vecchiarelli Asst. Coach: Dan Pryce Time: 3:30

April 16th: Away, Minnechaug.
April 21st: Home, West Springfield.
April 27th: Home, Westfield.
April 30th: Home, Central.
May 11th: Away, Longmeadow.
May 14th: Home, Sci-Tech, 4:15.
May 18th: Away, Northampton.
May 20th: Away, Amherst/Cathedral (tri-game at pringfield College) Springfield College).

May 22nd: PVIAC Individuals (TBA).

May 29th: Western Mass. (TBA). June 5th: States (TBA).

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THE SENIOR PLAYERS on this year's girls' lacrosse team at AHS (from left to right): Brenna McGinn, Christina Gregory, Heather Hughes, and Nikita Reshamwala. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Western Mass. Pioneers To Play **Benefit Soccer Game**

The Western Mass. Pioneers Professional Soccer Club will be playing a benefit exhibition game on Saturday, April 10th, at 5:00 p.m. at Springfield

The Pioneers of the D-3 Pro League will play Franklin Pierce College in a game that is being set up to benefit victims of the recent explosion at the

Jahn Foundry Company. Six area residents and employees of the Jahn Foundry are still in critical condition at four New England hospitals as a result of the blast that took place a little over a month ago. Proceeds from the game will go to the Jahn Foundry Disaster Relief Fund.

The Pioneers, coming off an exceptional inaugural first professional season, are gearing up for the 1999 season with a few exhibition games this month. The team is scheduled to open up the season away in Vermont on May 22nd.

Profile...

Erik Bodurtha Has Confidence In AHS's Pitching For '99 Season

by Dave Rollins **Sports Editor**

Erik Bodurtha is a senior student-athlete at Agawam High School. Recently, he took some time out to discuss his days as a Brownie. He turned 18 on October 9th. He's six feet tall

and 185 pounds. He has spent all four years of his

secondary education at AHS.

Currently, Erik is taking AP calculus, AP physics, psychology, English, and gym. He's a two-year member of the National Honor Society and has made the honor roll on many occasions. Erik is also a member of the Math Club. His favorite course is psychology. Edward Merrill is his top teacher.

Though he hasn't decided on a college yet, three stand out for him - the University of Virginia, Northeastern, and Boston College.

Erik plays baseball and basketball, with baseball being his favorite. He is a good hitting first baseman for the varsity Brownies.

His take on the current baseball season: "We have very good pitching and we'll probably go as far as that can take us." The Brownies were a tour-nament team a year ago and split the league title with two other schools

Grinders are his favorite food.

He likes the color blue.

If he could tool around town in the wheels of his choice, it would be a late model Mustang converti-

Mo Vaughn, late of the Red Sox, is his top jock. He also likes the Sox and the UMass men's basketball team.

He likes to hang out by kicking back with his

Jeans and a t-shirt and anything else comfortable are his tastes in clothes.

As for music, Erik says he likes Pearl Jam and Metallica.

ESPN's "Sportscenter" is tops on the tube. "Usual Suspects" is his favorite flick.

Mike and Donna are his mom and dad. Both are 1974 AHS graduates. His dad was an All-Western Mass. soccer player for the Brownies and his mom has been instrumental over the years in the continued success of the AHS cheerleaders. He



ERIK BODURTHA

has a 16 year-old sister, Jenna, who is a sophomore at the High School and is a varsity

When his days are done as a Brownie, Erik says he'd like to be remembered as someone a person could talk to.

Baseball Coach Pete Clark had this comment on Erik: "He's a hard worker who came up from the junior varsity this year and earned his spot at first."

Ayre Investments Takes Crown In Agawam Adult Basketball League

The Agawam Adult Basketball League concluded its 1999 season with Ayre Investments defeating Travel Town in a 74-71 thriller.

Ayre Investments overcame a five-point halftime deficit with a superb 10-0 run to start the second half. Leading most of the way in the second half, they were able to stave off a late run by

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the underdog Travel Town team.
The league's administrators would like to thank all the players, referees, and sponsors for another eventful season. Also, special thanks to the staff of the Parks and Recreation Department for their hard work and effort in organizing the season.

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Following are the places obtained by our girls and boys in their second Apparatus Champion-ship in Clinton, Massachusettts.

Boys

10 yrs. and younger

Christopher Joachim: 4th on Floor, Vault Rings, Parallel Bars, Pommel Horse, High Bar, and All-

Upper Nathan Scuderi: 3rd on Floor, 2nd on Vault, High Bar, Pommel Horse, and 1st on Parallel Bars, Rings, and All-Around.

11 yrs. and older Lower

Fred Fruwirth: 6th on Parallel Bars, 4th on Floor and All-Around, 3rd on Pommel Horse, Rings, and Vault, and 2nd on High Bar.

Christopher Scuderi: 5th on Floor, Vault Rings, and All-Around, 4th on Pommel Horse and High Bar, and 3rd on Parallel Bars.

Jeffrey Joachim: 6th on Floor, Vault, Pommel Horse, and High Bar, and 5th on Parallel Bars.

9-11

Lower Brittany Margiotta: 8th on Beam, 3rd on Bars, 2nd on Vault and All-Around, and 1st on Floor. Lisa Couture: 13th on Vault, 12th on Beam, 11th

on Floor, and 1st on Floor.

Jordan Pike: 17th on Beam, 16th on Vault, 15th in All-Around, 14th on Bars, and 5th on Floor. Advanced Lowe Meghan Little: 8th on Vault, 3rd on Floor, 2nd on

Bars, and 1st on Beam and All-Around.

Meagan Pike: 10th on Floor and Vault, 5th on Bars, 4th in All-Around, and 2nd on Beam.

Samantha Fruwirth: 10th in All-Around, 9th on Vault, 8th on Floor, 7th on Bars, and 4th on Beam.

Lauren Pelkey: 5th on Vault, 4th on Uneven Bars and All-Around, 3rd on Beam, and 2nd on Floor. Stephanie Obue: 5th on Beam, 3rd on Uneven

Bars, 2nd in All-Around, and 1st on Floor and

Alli Stokowski: 5th in All-Around and Uneven Bars, 4th on Floor, and 3rd on Beam and Vault.

Sarah Huffman: 4th on Beam and Vault, and 1st on Floor, Vault, and All-Around.

Advanced Lower

Nicole Payeur: 6th on Beam and Uneven Bars, 4th in All-Around, 3rd on Floor, and 1st on Vault.

Nicole Margiotta: 7th on Floor, Beam, and All-Around, 5th on Bars, and 4th on Vault.

Alicia Linder: 3rd on Beam and Vault, 2nd on Uneven Bars, and 1st on Floor and All-Around.

Allison Dassatti: 4th on Vault and Uneven Bars, and 2nd on Floor, Beam, and All-Around. 15-18

Middle

Maryann Connor: 4th on Floor and Beam, 3rd on Vault and All-Around, and 2nd on Uneven Bars.
Dolores Cuccovia: 5th on Uneven Bars, 4th on

Vault, and 3rd on Beam.

Lisa Marsh: 4th on Beam, 3rd on Vault and All-Around, and 2nd on Uneven Bars and Floors.

The Turners' next meet is on April 24th in Providence, Rhode Island. The last meet of the season will be held on June 5th and 6th in Adams, Massachusetts, at the New England District Turn-

- ADVERTISER NEWS -





Outdoors New England

by Kent Servis **Outdoor Writer**

Definitely Not Boar-ing

Last weekend, I was invited to a wild boar hunt at the Big Boar Lodge in Homer, New York.

I had never hunted on a private preserve before, and was not quite sure of what to expect. Upon arrival at the spacious and comfortable lodge the night before, I settled in for a good night's sleep.
The following morning, host Mark Clark, one of

the co-owners and head guide, explained their operation over breakfast.

We would be hunting initially from a tree stand near the top of the ridge, hoping to encounter some of the larger wild boar. The trek up the ridge was slowed by the deep snows that blanketed the

From a vantage point in a tree stand, we saw an assortment of exotic game such as Sika deer and

If one simply wanted to bag one of the exotic rams, it would not have been too great of a challenge, not withstanding the dense cover.

The boar, however, were not as easy to find and were quite skitterish. Leaving the relative comfort of the large tree stand, the stalk through the frozen swamp was a challenge.

When the crusted snow broke beneath our feet, Mark sunk up to his knees and I sunk almost to the hips. Being about eight feet tall with long legs (or at least it seemed that way), Mark had an easier time in the deep snow that had fallen in this

area just to the south of Lake Ontario. Being somewhat more "compact," the trek through the dense swamps and forests was a little more challenging.

Some folks scoff at preserve hunting and feel that it is not sporting enough for them. I had mixed feelings before the hunt, but had changed my mind by the end of the day. This was not shooting fish in a barrel

Some outfits may cater to those who simply want to harvest a trophy animal with minimum effort, but Mark Clark and his staff do things differently here. They go out of their way to provide a challenge hunt for their clients.

Such measures as providing feed in several different locations every day and changing the locations daily, insure that the animals are not congregated in just one part of the preserve.

Preserve hunting is not the "cake walk" that some folks think it is, providing the operators such as those at Big Boar Lodge do a conscientions lob of greating real challenging terrain and

tious job of creating real challenging terrain and conditions.

CLUB NEWS
The MAWAGA SPORTING CLUB announced that the Annual Mawaga Lunker Derby will take place Sunday, April 11, 1999 at the club pond in the club po 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Some super large trout will be stocked for this event. The \$15 tickets are available in advance from Ernie Leithoff at 40 Oak Ridge Dr, Feeding Hills, MA 01030 or at the club on the day of the event. Here is a chance to have the whole family enjoying some quality fishing for some jumbo trout. Sounds like a swell time! See you there!

FRESH WATER FISH REPORT

The Division has stocked the local waters with trout and some leftover broodstock Atlantic salmon. Early morning trollers and shore fishermen are doing well. Mepps, Rooster Tails, and Power Bait are all working well.

Bass fishing is picking up on valley waters.
On Congamond or Hampton Ponds, try lead head twister tail combos along deeper drop-offs. Jerk baits fished adjacent to emergent weed beds and channel edges will usually do the trick. (Grab a handful of the new K.B. Specials. They really

The rivers are far too high at this point in time, and there is little news on fishing the Connecticut. The exception is that the perch bonanza in Hamburg Cove continues. Micro tubes and small twister tail grubs on lightweight lead heads are doing the trick. The "bait and wait" crowd has been scoring on grass shrimp.

SALT WATER FISH REPORT
Stripers are continuing to hit in the Thames River, as well as in and around the mouth of the Connecticut River in the Old Saybrook area. The flathead jig and pork rind trailer combo seem to be the hot ticket and will probably continue to pro-

Winter flounder are being taken in Niantic Bay, the Niantic River, as well as at other traditional spots. Sand worms seem to be outfishing clam strips according to informed sources

No party boat news this week, but it is safe to assume that there are no major changes from last week's report

Some shad have been spotted in the lower stretches of the Connecticut River. It won't be long now!

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In Tri-Parish Bowling ...

First-Place Holy Cross Retains A 1-Point Lead Over BC

On the last Monday of last month (March 29th) Holy Cross (25.5-10.5) managed to hold onto first place for the second week in a row in round three of the Tri-Parish Bowling League. However, as was the case one week earlier, HC's lead is a mighty slim one — just one point over Boston College (24.5-11.5), who was able to remain in second place for two weeks running and whose teammates are determined to make the Holy Cross rollers work for the round three title.

Meanwhile, St. Louis (20.5-15.5) is currently occupying the third-place spot in the standings, followed by St. Anselm's (19-17), Fordham (16.5-19.5), St. Michael's (15.5-20.5), St. Mary's (15-21), and Georgetown (15-21).

Ironically, things are getting pretty interesting amongst the lowest-ranking teams. Notre Dame, which has been the proverbial Rodney "I-Don't-Get-No-Respect" Dangerfield of the Triparish squads during this round, has been on a bit of a "roll" (parton the pur) recently Although it is of a "roll" (pardon the pun) recently. Although it is still in last place with a 13.5-22.5 record, ND is just a half-point behind struggling Catholic University (14-22)

Consequently, one more good week for Notre Dame and another bad week for CU could find these two teams in reverse order. (Hey, I know being in ninth place is nothing to truly brag about, but it sure beats winding up in last place.)

By the end of the competition on March 29th, the results of the matches went like this: St. Anselm's demolished Fordham, 4-0; Notre Dame defeated Catholic University, 3-1; St. Louis and Georgetown split, 2-2; Holy Cross clobbered St. Michael's, 3-1; and Boston College definitely got the better of St. Mary's, 3-1.

As for the individual bowlers, RON "The Don"

MENARD was once again the men's leader, thanks to his 146 single string and 409 triple string. ROGER "Rabbit" JOSEPHSON's 124 single and 370 triple were good for second, and other solid performances were turned in by "Richy" RICH SNYDER (119, 332), DON "Don't Sit On" STITT (115, 325), "Big Bad" JOHN MLINEK (121, 328), "Luscious" LOU MULDREW (112, 314), and "Jolly" OLLY MULDREW (114, 310).

With her 118 single string and 326 triple string, CORI "Not Lori" NAPOLITAN was the ladies' number-one bowler on this particular night. Second-place "Go With The" FLO ROCHFORD turned in a 120 single and a 320 triple.

"The Mighty" DEB POIRIER (109, 309) was also impressive on March 29th, as were MARY "Not Tyler Moore" THOMAS (111, 301), "Juicy" LUCY MENARD (113, 290), "Testy" BETSY CANNON (101, 289), and "The Magnanimous" MAUREEN LYNCOSKY (109, 289).

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At Riverside Park Speedway...

NASCAR Modifieds Are Ready To Take The Spotlight On April 10th

Highlighted by the beginning of a 21-race season for full-scale "tour-type" NASCAR modifieds, Riverside Park Speedway will open its gates on Saturday, April 10th, for the 51st consecutive year. Lined up alongside the starstudded NAPA modified division will be the Serv-U Auto Supply Pro Stocks, Teddy Bear Pools Trucks, and the Sportsman division.

"This is going to be a great season! Saturday night short-track racing, a tight quarter-mile tack, and real modifieds battling for 50 laps," exclaimed David Deery, Director of Auto Racing at the quarter-mile NASCAR Winston Racing Series facility. "At Riverside Park Speedway, you're right on top of all the action, and it's so exciting to watch."

Deery maintains that the quality of Riverside Park's modified racing is the best there is. "The sound, the speed, and the feel of these modifieds is what makes the racing so much fun. You can really appreciate everything you're seeing before you, because it happens so fast and so close

together."

The NAPA modified division will compete in 21 feature events at Riverside Park in 1999, earning points along the way towards the NASCAR Winston Racing Series Regional and National Championships. The Regional Champion will earn \$40,000 in 1999, and Riverside Park's modified

track championship alone is worth \$10,000.

Jimmy Broderick, the defending Riverside Park
Champion and a former New England Regional
Champion, says the money is too good to pass up.
"I took \$18,000 from Riverside last year!" says
Broderick, who resides in Brookfield, Connecticut. "You'd have to be crazy to not race (at Riverside) for that kind of money."

Broderick earned over \$8,000 for finishing

fourth in the 1998 regional standings, and \$10,000 for capturing the 1998 Riverside Park title.

Supporting the weekly modified events will be a full slate of bumper-to-bumper stock car action featuring cars of all styles. The Serv-U Auto Supply Pro Stock division will run a 40-lap feature on April 10th, the first in their 19-race schedule. That division is led by Eddy Carroll III, a three-time defending champion and the 1998 Winston Shorttrack Series by NASCAR Regional Champion.
The Teddy Bear Pools Truck division will return

for its sophomore season at "The Park," with 20 events on the schedule. Featuring full-size trucks with Ford 150, Chevy C10, and Dodge Ram bodies, the return of the division is a tribute to its success, says Deery. "The Teddy Bear Pools Truck division will be better than ever in 1999. Many drivers have returned and new drivers have already committed for the 1999 season."

Deery added that one of the returning drivers will be Ted Chalmers of Holyoke, Massachusetts. Chalmers captured the first division champion-ship for the trucks in 1998, his first championship after 35 years of racing at Riverside Park Speed-

Álso lined up to start the season on April 10th will be the Sportsman division, led by 1998 Champion Jon Waterhouse of Berlin, Connecticut. Waterhouse will fend off the challenges of 1998 Super Stock Champion Craig Collins of Enfield, Connecticut, and 1998 Figure 8 Champion Betty Anne Dobosz of Windsor Locks, Connecticut, as both drivers have stepped up into the Sportsman division for the 1999 season.

The pit area opens at 11:00 a.m. on April 10th.

There will be a practice session at 1:00 p.m., and the grandstands will open at 3:45 p.m. Qualifying races will begin at 6:00 p.m., and feature events begin at 7:30 p.m.

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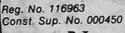
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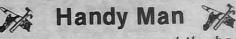
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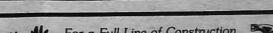
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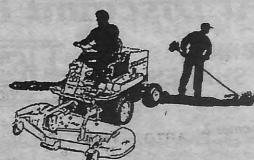
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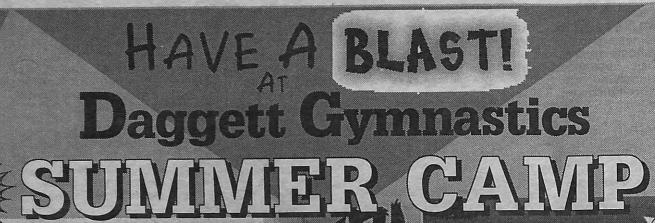
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